



PMI (Project Management Institute) Columbia River Basin Chapter & PMI Global 2023 Project of the Year (POY) Competitions

A highly motivated project team has been working on this year's POY competition with the goal of bringing back this showcase event following a two-year break during the COVID pandemic. This event serves to highlight the Best of Best in Project Management within our geographic region and to showcase projects that will go to compete internationally for PMI Project of the Year award. In addition, the POY attracts the attention of many top-notch companies, government organizations, key executives, project management leaders, and many other project professionals.

In fact, in 2012 the chapter's winner was the "Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility-Operations Phase" which went on to win the PMI Global POY Award. In 2015, the Chapter's winner was Washington Closure Hanford with the "River Corridor Base Scope Project" which went on to be one of the finalists for the PMI Global competition. And in 2017, Washington River Protection Solutions won Global POY for their "DST AY-102 Recovery Project" as well as a Global Project of Excellence Award for their "AP Farm Ventilation Upgrades Project." As you can see there are some exceptional projects coming out of our Chapter's region and we hope that you will consider showing off your project by participating in the 2023 Chapter and Global competitions.

The 2023 PMI Chapter and Global competitions **both have the SAME Deadline of March 31, 2023**. The differences are in the categories and entry process which are detailed below.

PMI Global POY

Beginning in 2022, PMI Global revamped its' Project of the Year (POY) Competition and created the following two awards categories:

- Large and Mega Projects (with budgets over US\$50 million)
- Small and Mid-Size Projects (formerly PMI Project Excellence Award, with budgets below US\$50 million)

One entry process automatically enters a submitting application into either PMI Global: Large and Mega Project Award or the PMI Small and Mid-size project award categories. The PMI Global application process is completely online and criteria responses must be entered directly (typed or cut-n-paste) into the online portal at <https://professionalawards.pmi.org> (applicants must pre-register to enter application).

The following link includes the PMI Global nomination criteria / application.

<https://www.pmi.org/about/awards/professional/project-of-year>. The PMI Global application contains approximately 31 questions or criteria elements for you to answer about your project, plus provide an introduction summary and general overview. It is recommended that you complete the entire Nomination in a Word document prior to entering responses into the online portal. Answers should include responses to each numbered item listed under the individual criteria element, and are limited to 1000 words per criteria element. Following entering the PMI Global online application, your final Word document can then be used for entry into the local Chapter POY competition both need to be submitted by 9:00 PM Pacific Coast time (midnight East Coast) on **March 31, 2023**.

PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter POY

Beginning in 2023, the PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter POY competition will use a shorter version of the PMI Global POY Competition application. The Chapter application criteria requests responses to only 16 questions (versus 31 for Global). This simpler application is intended for projects within our Chapter's geographic area that would like to compete only in the Chapter's POY competition, and do not intend to enter the PMI Global competition.

In addition to the changes in the application questions, the PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter will adopt two smaller project budget sizes categories and include the following:

- Large Projects (with budgets over \$1 million)
- Small Projects (with budgets below \$1 million)

For all projects within the PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter [region](#) that wish to enter the [2023 PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter POY competition](#), please use the nomination criteria in Attachment 1 and submit the completed electronic Word doc. file to [POY Competition](#), including the signed release form by the requested deadline (see below for all deadline information).

PMI CRB will send the nomination package for evaluation to a designated panel of evaluators, who are subject matter experts across our industry. The evaluation process and scores are proprietary and will not be disclosed to nominators or nominees, although at the Chapter level review comments will be provided back to project nominators.

CRB Chapter Gala Presentations May 19, 2023

All projects entering the PMI Columbia River Basin Chapter POY competition will be assigned a 10–15-minute timeslot at the awards Gala to provide an overview presentation about your project. At the end of all presentations, a final award will be voted on that night by the Gala attendees determining the People's Choice award. The required presentation format is Microsoft PowerPoint (no more than 8-10 slides using 24-pt font at a minimum) or a short video. Please submit your presentation to [CRB President and VP-Membership](#) by the requested deadline (see below).

DEADLINES

- **By Midnight, Monday, March 31, 2023 – Chapter & Global Applications & Release Forms DUE**
 - **Monday, April 10, 2023 – Photos (used for advertising) of your projects DUE**
 - **Monday, April 24, 2023 – Chapter Presentations DUE**
 - **Friday, May 19, 2023 - PMI CRB Chapter Project of the Year Winners announced at Awards Gala**
 - **November 2023 – PMI Global POY Winners announced**
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For Questions, please contact [CRB President](#) or [VP-Membership](#)