

Ben C. Gerwick



The Ben C. Gerwick Award for Innovation in the Design and Construction of Marine Foundations was established in 2008 to recognize the innovative spirit of Ben C. Gerwick and his phenomenal contribution to the marine foundation industry over his 62-year professional career as a contractor, educator and construction engineer. The award encourages and recognizes innovation in the marine foundation industry.

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1

ELIGIBILITY

- The award is for a specific innovation or lifetime achievement of innovation by an individual.
- Nominees can be an individual, team or company who is the primary source of a specific marine industry innovation.
- The nominee can be in an active job position or retired.
- Nominations can be posthumous.
- Nominees do not have to be DFI members.
- Anyone can nominate a candidate.

NOMINATION PACKAGE

- A statement of reasons for nomination (500 words or less) including the name of the innovation, the individual or company primarily responsible for the innovation, and the nature and significance of the innovation to the marine foundation industry.
- Completed nomination form.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Consideration is given to impact and value, level of innovative nature, and relevance beyond the marine foundations industry.

SELECTION PROCESS

The committee reviews the nominations and selects no more than six to be ranked by the each member of the committee on a scale of 1 to 10 using the established criteria. The individual rankings are compiled by the chair of the Marine Foundations Committee and provided to the DFI Executive Director.

COMMITTEE

The Ben C. Gerwick Award Judging Committee is an anonymous panel of eight to ten members appointed by the DFI Marine Foundations Committee Chair. Members of the committee do not have to be DFI members.

AWARD INFORMATION

- A selection each year is not mandatory.
- The award is sponsored by the DFI Educational Trust, University of California at Berkeley Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Ben C. Gerwick Company.
- The award is presented at the annual SuperPile Conference or every third year at the International Foundations Conference & Equipment Expo (IFCEE).
- The proceeds of the event benefit the DFI Educational Trust Sustaining Membership Fund.
- The winner receives a bronze bust sculpture of Ben C. Gerwick.