

Ernest A. Herzog Award Call For Papers

Background

Ernest A. Herzog was a nationally recognized civil engineer. During his career, he served a term as president of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section and was also a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (1987).

Mr. Herzog began his career with Spencer, White and Prentis at the atomic energy facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. After World War II, he transferred to a Boston-based firm named Chas. T. Main Inc. Eventually, Mr. Herzog joined the firm of Alonzo B. Reed Inc. where he progressed into the highest role of president and remained in that role for 20 years thereafter.

While in the transportation field, Mr. Herzog was actively involved in the design and construction of the monorail used at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. This monorail, which is still in use today, has served as the prototype for several other monorail systems including those at Disney Land in Anaheim, California, Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and one in Tokyo, Japan. In fact, Mr. Herzog was a strong and persistent advocate of a monorail system to serve Boston's south shore communities to relieve the traffic congestion on the Southeast Expressway.

In 1973, Mr. Herzog co-founded Herzog-Hart, a full-service engineering firm that specializes in the design and construction of research and production facilities for the pharmaceutical and process industries.

Mr. Herzog was well known for his generous support of and encouragement to young college students and young professionals just at the onset of their careers. He lectured at Tufts University, Dartmouth College, University of Massachusetts, and Northeastern University. He also wrote and published numerous papers, particularly concerning the effects of transportation systems on society.

In memory of Mr. Herzog's commendable career achievements, the Ernest A. Herzog Award was established to promote an awareness of and to recognize innovative improvements to infrastructure. This award is given annually to the author(s) whose submitted paper is chosen to best recognize innovation and awareness of infrastructure.

Paper Guidelines

Submitted papers shall present an infrastructure project, innovation, or idea in which the author was actively involved in as an owner, advocate, engineer, or end-user. The paper must be well written and address specific benefits to current professional practices, lifestyle, and/or sustainability through the application of existing or innovative technologies or methods. Areas of application may include design, construction, operation, maintenance, management or financing of infrastructure components or systems.

Rules

- A. The paper should be original and not be less than 2,000 words and not more than 6,000 words. The paper should clearly describe the project, innovation, or idea and highlight benefits to the current engineering and construction practices. Graphic material including photographs should be included to highlight specific areas of the project. The paper may have been previously published in a journal.

- B. Three copies of the papers shall be submitted to:
 - a. BSCES/ASCE
 - b. The Engineering Center
 - c. One Walnut Street
 - d. Boston, Massachusetts 02108-3616
 - e. Attn: Boston Chapter TD&I Herzog Award Committee

An electronic copy should also be sent to bscesreg@engineers.org.

Deadline for submittal: March 15, 2018.

Reviewers

The BSCES Herzog Award Competition Subcommittee.

Evaluation Criteria

Topics for the papers shall be related to one or more of the 17 infrastructure systems defined in ASCE's infrastructure report card (see <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>). Papers are evaluated by the reviewers on the basis of the following criteria:

- A. Technical writing; organization, graphics, grammar, and technical accuracy (30%)
- B. Benefits to the current design, construction, operation, maintenance, or financing practices of infrastructure (20%)
- C. Innovation; uniqueness of concepts (10%),
- D. Benefits to lifestyle of the general public or other end-users (20%)
- E. Sustainability, life-cycle cost benefits, or cost effectiveness (20%)

Award

The recipient will receive a \$500 award, which will be presented at the BSCES Bertram Berger Seminar on April 12, 2018 in Boston.