This year NSBA invites you to help select the most outstanding award-winning bridges since the competition began.

THE NATIONAL STEEL BRIDGE ALLIANCE

Prize Bridge Competition honors significant and innovative steel bridges constructed in the United States. The competition began in 1928 with first place awarded for the Sixth Street Bridge in Pittsburgh, coincidentally just a few blocks down the river from where this year’s NASCC: The Steel Conference will be held. Since then, more than 300 bridges have won first place in a variety of categories, which today include long span, medium span, short span, movable span, major span, reconstructed, and special purpose.

In the past, the Prize Bridge Competition has taken place every other year with the winners being announced at NSBA’s World Steel Bridge Symposium. Because the next WSBS will be co-located with NASCC: The Steel Conference in 2012, we are taking this opportunity to spice things up a bit in 2011 with the most exciting steel bridge competition in history.

The 2011 Prize Bridge Competition will take a look back, focusing on the top Prize Bridge Award winners of all time, and you are invited to be part in this year’s voting.

Winning bridges will be selected in two concurrent levels of competition, resulting in both Industry Choice and People’s Choice award winners, selected from a pool of all the award-winning bridges recognized since the competition began in 1928.

NSBA will present the 2011 Top Prize Bridge Awards to the designers and owners of the top three steel Prize Bridge Award winners at the 2011 AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures Annual Meeting in May in Norfolk, Va.

Voting will take place during the month of March 2011. Please stay up to date with competition developments by signing up for NSBA’s monthly e-newsletter at www.steelbridges.org and following us on Twitter @SteelBridges.

In Search of the Top

1937 Prize Bridge Award:
The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.
10 Steel Bridges

Select the Best Bridges
Industry Choice Awards
A panel of judges will select their top 10 Prize Bridges of all time based on:
➤ Innovation
➤ Aesthetics
➤ Environmental sensitivity
➤ Design and engineering solutions
Following the selection of those 10, the bridge design and construction community will vote online to determine the top three selections.

People’s Choice Awards
Members of the general public will vote online for their favorite bridges. The pool of candidates will include all of the prize-winning bridges recognized since the inception of the Prize Bridge Competition.

▲ 2007 Prize Bridge Award—Major Span: The Burro Creek Bridge on U.S. 93 between Phoenix and Las Vegas.
▲ 2007 Prize Bridge Award—Movable Span: The Louisa Bridge, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Louisiana’s longest steel girder double-leaf bascule bridge.
▲ 2001 Prize Bridge Award—Long Span: The Paper Mill Road Bridge in Baltimore County, Md., features a steel box arch.