

1. Basics

1.1 The ESTA Awards will be awarded to individual members of the member associations of ESTA or an ESTA Affiliated member based on their entry in accordance with the rules and regulations enclosed in this document.

The Awards are designed to honour and to give special recognition to members that have performed an outstanding achievement in their field of operations.

1.2 In order to cover the wide variety of activities in the Abnormal Transport and Mobile Crane industry, a comprehensive range of categories has been developed. This broadens and increases the potential number of applicants, focuses the attention on a wide area of service by member companies and avoids awarding only super exceptional and extreme transports carried out by a relatively small number of members only.

1.3 The ESTA Awards have **11** categories:

1. Telescopic cranes lifting capacity ≤ 120 t

Lifting jobs executed with telescopic and/or knuckle boom cranes of maximum 120 t capacity.

2. Telescopic cranes lifting capacity >120 t

Lifting jobs executed with one or more telescopic cranes with a capacity over 120 t

3. Lattice Boom Cranes

Lifting jobs executed utilising one or more lattice boom cranes.

4. Abnormal Transport Total mass ≤120 t

Transports carried out with highway licensed vehicles, predominantly on public roads.

5. Abnormal Transport Total mass > 120 t

Transports carried out with highway licensed vehicles, predominantly on public roads.

6. Combined Techniques

Jobs executed with at least two of the following techniques combined: jacking, skidding, strand jacks, rollers, cranes, transport [land and/or water]

7. SPMT|SPT

Jobs executed with self-propelled [modular] trailers.

8. SAFETY

For the best safety innovation from either an end user or a manufacturer.

9. Innovation|Development

For the best technical and/or environmental innovation|development from either an end user or manufacturer.

10. Training

For a company that has adopted an innovative and successful approach to training staff in day-to-day operations or provided a comprehensive apprenticeship scheme, or a company that has provided

a training programme for a particular aspect of the Abnormal Transport and Mobile Crane industry.

11. GINO KOSTER AWARD

For a person that has distinguished himself/herself in particular in the field of the Abnormal Transport and/or the Mobile crane industry.

1.4 A job or project to be awarded should contribute to the creation of a positive image of the Abnormal Transport and Mobile Crane Industry, their employees and the services rendered towards their clients, their existing and future markets, authorities, and society in general.

1.5 The awarding of the Gino Koster Award shall be established by the Board of Directors of ESTA on recommendation of the members and/or affiliated companies.

2. Rules and Criteria

2.1 To participate in the ESTA Awards a company must be:

- member of an ESTA association, or
- a special member of ESTA, or
- an affiliated company of ESTA, or
- an ESTA supporter

A membership must exist for a period of at least 12 months prior to the start of the Awards competition and all membership obligations must have been fulfilled.

2.2 For participation in the Awards competition, the entry-forms that ESTA issues for this purpose must be used. The directions on these forms must be followed

2.3 For the acceptance of an entry the following is applicable:

- the participant had full care, custody, and control over the job|project,

- the job|project must have been completed in the year preceding the Awards ceremony,
- the job|project must have been carried out in Europe including Turkey,
- a participant may submit only one entry per category with a maximum of three entries for the whole competition.

- A particular job|project can be submitted in at most one [1] category.

2.4 Entries for the competition will only be accepted if received on time, in good order, filled out as required, legible and accompanied by the attachments as indicated on the entry forms. No additional information will be supplied, accepted, or discussed, in any form or way, after the set closing date under penalty of disqualification.

2.5 The ESTA Board creates two groups out of the categories and nominates a judging team for each group. The judging teams consist of at least six independent judges, knowledgeable and experienced in their field of judging. In both teams one judge is appointed as a chairman.

One of the judges is designated as co-ordinator, responsible for the supervision of all judging proceedings. The chairmen and the co-ordinator form the jury-committee.

2.6 Each entry will be assessed by the relevant jury member on four major criteria:

- A.** Quality of the entry [assessment from 1 to 10]
- B.** Complexity of the preparation [assessment from 1 to 10]
- C.** Solution to the problem [assessment from 1 to 10]
- D.** Execution of the operation [assessment from 1 to 10]

2.7 Based on the scores, the jury-committee determines a maximum of four nominees in each category, one of which will be the winner. In case two or more entries finish equally, the jury-committee decides on the ranking. The jury-committee bases itself for this purpose on the reports of the members of the jury.

2.8 The final scores, announced by the jury committee, are final, and not open to any further discussion, neither in conversation or writing.

2.9 The winning members will be presented with a prize by ESTA.

2.10 ESTA and the member associations will use the event and the documentation of the winning entries in promotional campaigns and encourage the participants to do so as well. By participating in the competition, the entrants give their permission to use the submitted documentation for these promotional campaigns.

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