

# MENA PROJECT CONTROLS YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

## PROJECT CONTROLS DEFINITION

For the purposes of this category, the field of Project Controls is understood as follows:

"The data gathering, data management and analytical processes used to predict, understand and constructively influence the time and cost outcomes of a project or programme; through the communication of information in formats that assist effective management and decision making." Source – Pat Weaver's White Paper.

## WHAT THE JUDGES ARE LOOKING FOR

► **NOTE: This category is specifically for those young professionals who were aged 29 or younger as of 31 March 2025. The young professional can self-nominate as well as being nominated.**

Judges are looking for the passion, determination and contribution the young professional has shown. The judging criteria places priority on the positive contribution they have made to the progression of the project, other junior members of the project and the overall team.

- Planning and Scheduling
- Cost Estimating and Management
- Earned Value management
- Reporting
- Risk Management  
(includes identification & assessment)
- Scope and Change Management
- Document Control
- Building Information Modelling (BIM) &  
Information Management (IM)

Each of the criteria is scored between 0 (no evidence at all) and 10 (perfect evidence) with each section being weighted accordingly (see %).

## PROJECT CONTROLS (50%)

► **Delivery: Up to 350 words**

- Describe the methods and techniques you/they used to effectively ensure the delivery of outputs, outcomes and any benefits.
- How did this positively impact your/their ultimate delivery?
- What specifically did you/they do to ensure it was delivered to time, cost, quality and ultimate satisfaction of the customer?
- How did governance of the project influence its successful delivery?
- Explain how you/they shared learning or insights with other team members.

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➤ **Interfaces: Up to 150 words**

- What broad organisational factors outside of the project had an impact?
- Outline any key challenges you/they encountered interfacing with other areas and disciplines that needed to be overcome.

➤ **People: Up to 300 words**

- Outline the key stakeholders who worked inside and outside the project and how you/they were motivated and co-ordinated by them in line with the control objectives, clarifying what these objectives were.
- Explain any impact you/they had on effectively influencing the attitudes and relationships between others involved.
- How did you/they ensure a professional approach was developed and maintained throughout?
- What worked well and what didn't?

## CHALLENGES, INNOVATION AND LESSONS LEARNED (50%)

➤ **Challenges: Up to 200 words**

- What difficulties were anticipated and/or unforeseen during your/their project?
- How did you/they overcome these challenges?

➤ **Innovation: Up to 300 words**

- What innovations were there in the way you/they engaged with the project?
- What tools and techniques did you/they use to manage innovation?
- How did this impact the successful delivery of the project?
- How can the wider profession benefit from the way you/they engaged in the project?

➤ **Lessons learned: Up to 300 words**

- What is the biggest single lesson you/they have learned in the past 12 months?
- How will this assist you/them to move forward in your/their chosen profession?
- What learning/coaching was shared by you/them with other young professionals?
- How have you/they attempted to bring innovation/new thinking to the way young professionals are trained, mobilised and deployed to improve the impact and delivery success for other projects or to those leading the recruitment and retention of young professionals?

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