

**THE AMEU AWARDS
PROGRAMME 2026 AND
ASSOCIATED EVALUATION
CRITERIA**

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2026 AMEU TOP PERFORMING MUNIC/METRO PROJECT AWARD (1)



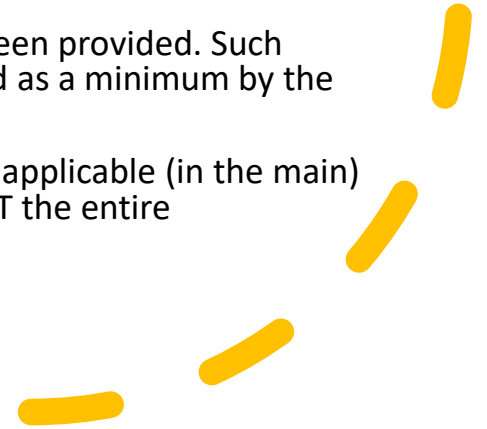
1. **Purpose of award**
 - a) The application to participate in this award must be originated by a munic/metro
 - b) The purpose of this award is to showcase inter alia excellence undertaken by AMEU municipal members as supported and assisted by AMEU Affiliates members and other third parties including consultants, contractors etc. in respect of projects whose value proposition is to support and/or enhance the business (including operations) of a munic/business
2. **Award categories:**

a) CATEGORY ONE:	Project Value from R1.00 to R 25 million
b) CATEGORY TWO:	Project Value from R 25 million to R 100 million
c) CATEGORY THREE:	Project Value greater than R 100 million
3. **Project title/topic:**

Must be clearly stated on the application
4. **Project team members roles:**

Must be clearly stated on the application
5. **Project award evaluation criteria:**

A list of the major or core/primary evaluation criteria has been provided. Such criteria should be utilised as a guide as to what is required as a minimum by the adjudicators when evaluating projects for award purposes
6. Projects and associated evaluation criteria are ring fenced and applicable (in the main) to only the munic/metro electricity utility or department – NOT the entire munic/metro



2026 AMEU TOP PERFORMING MUNIC/METRO PROJECT AWARD (2)



6. Project award core/primary evaluation criteria (1)

Award adjudication selection criteria may include or consider (but not limited to) a some of the following:

- a) **Needs & Purpose:** this criterion assesses the need and purpose of a project. It asks why the project was required
- b) **Project Objectives Statement:** this criterion assesses the proposed project objectives and priorities. It relates to project need and purpose criterion
- c) **Scope of Work:** this criterion is used to examine the scope of work of the project
- d) **Value Engineering (“VE”) Procedures:** this criterion assesses whether the project has followed a VE procedure or not. VE is important to assess the overall project effectiveness
- e) **Investment Studies:** this criterion relates to the feasibility and other investment studies required during a project planning process
- f) **Economic Issues & Impacts:** this criterion examines the issues and effects of a project on the economy
- g) **Environmental Issues & Impacts:** this criterion examines the issues and effects of a project on the environment. It mainly focuses on environmental protection
- h) **Social Issues & Impacts:** this criterion examines the issues and effects of a project on the wellbeing of the community
- i) **Design Philosophy:** this criterion examines the general design principles to ensure a successful project. It must fulfil the functional requirements
- j) **Maintenance Philosophy:** this criterion examines the ‘guidelines to maintain adequate and safe operations over an extended period of time’
- k) **Future Expansion:** this criterion assesses the possibility of expansion and/or alteration of the proposed project
- l) **Innovation:** this criterion assesses the degree of innovation of the proposed project throughout its life cycle
- m) **Risk:** this criterion assesses the level of risks and uncertainties and the associated risk mitigation involved of the proposed project

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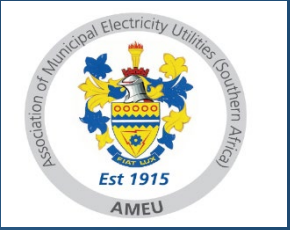
6. Project award core/primary evaluation criteria (2)

- n) **Contractual Conditions & Procurement Model:** this criterion examines the contractual conditions and procurement model that the proposed project might take into consideration
- o) **Good Governance:** this criterion assesses the level of good governance implementation
- p) **Funding & Programming:** this criterion assesses the sources of funding provided for the proposed project
- q) **Work Force:** this criterion assesses the work force requirement of the proposed project
- r) **Resource Handling & Utilization:** this criterion examines the resource handling and utilization. It is important since resource handling and utilization contribute to construction costs
- s) **Significance:** How will the project improve the service delivery mandate?
- t) Does the project add to the industry body of knowledge? Explain clearly

NOTE:

1. Data and/or information from any credible publicly available source/s that can be auditable can also be submitted by applicants to substantiate or “back up” any submissions
2. Only criteria considered applicable by the adjudicators to the type of project submitted will be utilised during the adjudication process i.e., it is NOT anticipated that all the listed criteria will be utilised for every project adjudicated because inter alia certain evaluation criteria may not apply to certain projects given their potential diversity. In this respect the AMEU Adjudicators/Judges decision will be considered final .

AMEU CONVENTION 2026 top performing AMEU WiE AWARD



1. Criteria to adjudicate the top performing Woman-in-Electricity (“WiE”) award:

a. Leadership

- I. How does she demonstrate leadership in the organization?
- II. What unique initiatives has she progressed for improving service delivery or organisational efficiency?
- III. Budget/financial impact of her decisions?

b. Innovation

- I. How has she developed and/or demonstrated ‘outside of the box’ solutions?

c. Service

- I. How does she go ‘above and beyond’ her immediate job responsibilities and call of duty ?
- II. How has she “triumphed” over obstacles?

d. Role model to her colleagues especially women colleagues

- I. Does she contribute to the professional development of women? If so how?
- II. What is the extent of her accountabilities and responsibilities relative to the organisations size?

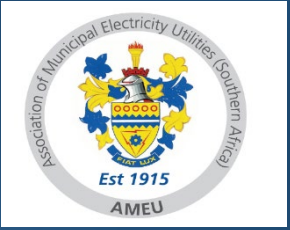
* SUBSTANTIATE CLEARLY FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE RESPONSES WITH MAXIMUM THREE (3) EXAMPLES*

** RESPONSES MUST ALSO BE ASSESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE POSITION THE INCUMBENT HOLDS IN THE COMPANY

Note:

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AMEU CONVENTION 2026 BEST SUPPORTING AMEU AFFILIATE AWARD



1. **Criteria to adjudicate the best supporting affiliate award (both categories) :**

- a. Attendance of AMEU virtual Branch meetings
- b. Technical presentations at virtual AMEU Branch meetings
- c. Stand occupation at annual AMEU Conferences

Note:

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2. **Evaluation criteria is ring fenced and applicable to only the electricity utility or department – NOT the entire municipality**
3. **Categories : a) Affiliate with <50million turnover
b) Affiliate with >R50 million turnover**

Thank you

