**ELITE Awards Entry Form – Use of Color Category**

**Questionnaire**

1. Company information
2. How many years has your company been in business?
   1. Start up
   2. Growth (in business 5 years or fewer)
   3. Mature (in business 5-10 years)
   4. Legacy (in business 10+ years)
3. Please give a brief outline (no more than 250 words) of the growth and development of your company since it was established.
4. Do you have certified people on staff?
5. If yes, how many and what designations do they hold?
6. Project name
7. Project/program location. Please provide at least city and state.
8. Property owner name
9. Landscape designer or architect and firm (if applicable)
10. What type of property is this?
    1. Residential
    2. Commercial
11. Contract begin date. If exact date is not known, please provide best estimate.
12. Contract completion date
13. Total landscape budget.
14. What was your profit margin (%), and why is this acceptable?
15. Length of time property maintained
16. Dud you complete all the work on this project? Were there any pre-existing or subcontracted items? If so, please explain.
17. How did the property owner find you and why did the property owner hire your company?
18. Provide a short project description of no more than 100 words. This should be no more than 3 sentences in length and should be a condensed description of the project description.
19. What were the customer’s goals and objectives?
20. Explain results based on customer’s goals.
21. How did you meet customer’s desires and deal with challenged (site-specific or otherwise)? Please answer in less than 150 words.
22. What makes this project award-worthy? Please answer in less than 150 words.
23. The following checklist of sustainable landscape practices is based on Green Strategies for Colorado Landscapes developed by ALCC. Please indicate up to 3 items that were MOST important for this project by checking the boxes below. Some priority areas will require further description in next questions.
    1. Grading to move water away from areas where it is not wanted and to direct water through the landscape in order to water plants and filter water before it exists the site.
    2. Selection of plants that are appropriate for the site. You will be asked to provide a plant list below.
    3. Hydro zoning plants so they are grouped based on water needs and watered appropriately
    4. Avoiding overplanting in order to reduce water and other waste
    5. Planting for the long term was done by carefully selecting perennials for the site.
    6. Plants that sustain beneficial; wildlife, especially pollinators, were included.
    7. Edibles were included
    8. A soil test was performed. You will be asked to provide dated soil test results and what you did based on the results.
    9. Bed were mulched to maintain 3-4” of mulch to retain moisture, reduce runoff and control weeds.
24. If selection of plants was listed as a priority, provide a copy of the plant list or a representative plant list for the project
25. If you performed a soil test and it was a priority for the project, provide dated soil test results.
26. Based on the results of the soil test, what did you do?
27. Briefly describe why you chose the 3 priority areas indicated above.

Questions 28-39 are photo uploads