

UCA Media Contest Photo Submission Rules

- Only .jpg or .png, high-resolution images will be accepted. Image size must be at least 5"x7" at 300 dpi, but no larger than 5mb. [High Resolution Guidelines.](#)
- Images may not be published by other companies, websites or used in printed materials until May of the year following the contest.
- Only three images may be submitted per person. Most recent entry will be used if you submit more than once.
- Image cropping is allowed and any aspect ratio is permitted. Photos may be enhanced or altered to remove spots, changing exposure, sharpening, changing contrast and adjusting the color to be more natural.
- Composite images and AI generated images are not allowed.

Additional Rules:

- Any level of photographer may enter as long as they do not receive a major part of their income from photography.
- This contest is open to anyone in the tunneling and underground construction industry. (Sorry, no employees of SME/UCA or their immediate families qualify.)
- Your entry in the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs and your name (where room allows) to be published in our magazines, on our websites and for promotions including, but not limited to: exhibit displays, online photos for web pages, meeting icons, brochures and membership pamphlets. Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs.
- By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. SME/UCA reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Photographs deemed inappropriate will be disqualified. Decisions of SME/UCA shall be final and binding.
- All submissions are subject to a health and safety check from officials representing SME/UCA's Health & Safety Division and may be disqualified if it is determined that the submission(s) do not reflect appropriate health and safety standards.
- SME/UCA is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the SME/UCA, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the SME/UCA, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. SME/UCA assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. SME/UCA is not responsible for any

problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information to the SME/UCA.

- By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless SME/UCA and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. SME/UCA and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.

You will need a photographic release form filled out by any person in your photographs or by a property owner, so please download the appropriate form below and retain for your records.

[Permission for Photography/Filming of Person](#)

[Permission for Photography/Filming of Property](#)

All winning images & videos will be displayed in an online gallery with credit. Submissions may also appear in future issues of *Tunneling and Underground Construction* and on the SME/UCA websites and social media to promote future events.

*All prizes subject to availability. In certain instances, a gift card may be awarded to honorable mention winners outside the U.S. In that case, SME/UCA will request follow up details regarding location to ensure the gift card can be redeemed in the respective winner's country. Please contact [Marketing](#) if you need any assistance.