



35th
WERC
ENVIRONMENTAL
DESIGN CONTEST

2025 WERC IEEE Conference Publication Timeline

- 1. March 31: Technical Report due.** The team writes the technical report, as required at the contest.
- 2. April 1-9: Judge Report scoring and publication assessment.** Judges recommend a subset of all technical reports to be considered for publication.
- 3. April 9: Invitation to submit IEEE Paper.** Invitation will be announced during the WERC Environmental Design Contest Awards Ceremony. Papers that are recommended for consideration will be invited to submit the IEEE-formatted version of their paper.
- 4. April 28: IEEE-Formatted Paper Submission Date.** Teams whose papers are under consideration submit a 12-page condensed version of their technical report (see Paper Requirements, below). The paper must include revisions reflecting what was learned from the judges during the contest.
- 5. April 29 - May 3: Paper Review.** The updated papers undergo a new review process, including review/revisions/final review. Teams will likely be sent a list of requested revisions.
- 6. May 5: Teams sent paper revision requests.**
- 7. May 12: Teams submit revised papers, according to reviews.**
- 7. May 16: Notification of Paper Acceptance, request for Copyright Transfer and PDF Paper Submission.** WERC notifies teams whose papers were (and were not) accepted during the second review process. Teams are sent instructions for copyright transfer and the use of IEEE's PDF eXpress to generate the final PDF of their paper.
- 8. May 20: Teams fulfill remaining IEEE requirements.** Team leader will transfer copyright; WERC will clear each paper via the IEEE Plagiarism Checker; Teams will upload IEEE-approved PDFs of their paper, generated by IEEE's PDF eXpress.
- 9. June 3: Papers Published.** Accepted papers will be submitted for inclusion into IEEE *Xplore* subject to meeting IEEE *Xplore*'s scope and quality requirements.

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