



AGENCY NOMINATION INFORMATION

The NACWA *National Environmental Agency Achievement Award* (NEAA) honors those member agencies who have made significant contributions through original and inventive projects and/or programming. These projects/programs are most notable for their positive impact on the environment, their utility, their community, NACWA and/or the clean water industry. Categories for the *National Environmental Achievement Agency Awards* include: Water Resources Utility of the Future, Research & Technology, Operations & Environmental Performance, Public Service, and Public Information & Education.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Please note - application packages will be reproduced for each member of the Awards Committee and should not be bound or faxed.

Nominations Must Include:

1. Completed Nomination Form with NACWA representative endorsement
2. Project/Program Narrative (limit - 4 pages)
3. Project/Program Supporting Material (if desired/relevant)

Program/Project Narrative Guidelines

Narratives are limited to 4 pages of double-spaced, 12 point font and should include the following:

1. A concise introductory paragraph (or two) describing the project/program and outlining the goals/objective behind its creation;
2. Subsequent paragraphs should completely address the award category criteria for which the nomination is being submitted. (See Eligibility and Criteria Information)
3. A concluding paragraph describing the results of the program/project and how it has positively contributed to the environment, the utility, and the community.

Program/Project Supporting Material Guidelines

Supporting materials are not required; however, limited additional materials will be accepted.

- Supporting materials such as reports, photographs, sample marketing materials, and video submissions should be supplemental to the information described in the Program/Project Narrative. (i.e. The Program/Project Narrative should fully describe the nomination without additional materials.)
- It is expected that applicants for the Public Information & Education Award category will submit a sample of the video, printed publication, e-medium or educational program material to support their application.

Please Submit Completed Application Packages by Monday, October 20, 2014.

Applications may be submitted via mail or e-mail.

Mail to: NACWA, Attn: Kelly Brocato, Director, Membership Development,
1816 Jefferson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20036

E-mail to: kbrocato@nacwa.org

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ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA INFORMATION

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Member agencies may submit no more than one National Environmental Achievement Award nomination per category. In the case of the Public Information and Education Award, one nomination may be submitted from among the four categories (Video, Printed Publication, Educational Program, E-media) encompassed by that award.
2. Only NACWA Public Member Agencies may submit award nominations.
3. Each nomination shall be endorsed, via signature on the application form, by the nominating agency's NACWA representative.
4. *National Environmental Achievement Award* nominations involving multiple Association Members working collaboratively must be endorsed by each of the participating Members in order for each of the Members to receive awards.
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6. Applications are due by October 20, 2014 to:

NACWA
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Washington, DC 20036
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A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of your agency's application. *If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of submitting your application, please contact NACWA immediately.*

Water Resources Utility of the Future Award

Eligibility: Agency, district, utility, or authority that best exemplifies the qualities, characteristics, and practices of the Water Resources Utility of the Future.

Criteria: Demonstrated bold, transformational community leadership in managing valuable resources, partnering in local economic development, and engaging stakeholders in their watershed resulting in environmental, economic, and social benefits. Examples of such leadership are exemplified by activities or initiatives that reclaim and reuse water; extract and identify commercial uses for nutrients and other constituents; capture waste heat and latent energy in biosolids and liquid streams; generate renewable energy using land and other horizontal assets; and, use green infrastructure not only to manage stormwater, but also to improve urban quality of life.

Research & Technology Award

Eligibility: Development of a technological innovation related to wastewater treatment, wastewater conveyance, stormwater management or biosolids/sludge use and disposal.

Criteria: Research project or technological innovation must directly relate to the processes of collection, treatment or reuse of wastewater, stormwater, or use or disposal of biosolids/sludge. Project must have been conducted in-house, or by consultant under direction of the Member Agency. Project results must have practical application.

Operations & Environmental Performance Award

Eligibility: Outstanding project, system or method relating to wastewater treatment, wastewater conveyance, stormwater management, and/or environmental enhancement.

Criteria: Innovative and effective project, system or method relating to environmental compliance or environmental restoration developed and successfully implemented by a Member Agency in a cost-effective manner while achieving environmental compliance objectives.

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Public Service Award

Eligibility: Significant contribution during the past year in local, state, or national public service related to public utility operation or environmental protection.

Criteria: Involvement must be by Member Agency staff or commissioners (directors, chairs). Public Service shall not be required by regulation or law.

Public Information and Education Awards (one nomination per Member Agency)

Video/Printed Publication/Educational Program

Eligibility: Outstanding and innovative video, printed publication, and/or educational program related to pollution prevention or control.

Criteria: Program, publication or video must have been produced by the Member Agency staff or by an outside vendor at the express direction of the agency. Program, publication or video must encompass some aspect of the agency's operations, benefit the public educationally and have been produced for general use or distribution. Annual Reports are not accepted in this category.

E-Media

Eligibility: Outstanding Member Agency website, social media presence or campaign, or downloadable, web-based program that relates to wastewater treatment, wastewater conveyance, or pollution prevention and control.

Criteria: Website, social media presence or campaign, or downloadable, web-based program content must have been developed and produced by agency staff or by an outside vendor at the express direction of the agency. Nominations will be judged based upon 1) the timeliness of the content; 2) the quality of graphic design elements; 3) organization and/or searchability; 4) innovation and originality; and, 5) ease of use.

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CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Please indicate the elected officials you would like NACWA to notify if your agency is selected for the National Environmental Achievement Award.

LOCAL CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL (E.G. MAYOR, GOVERNOR)

TITLE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIAL (E.G. SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE)

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