

//VPPPA ANNUAL AWARDS FOR OUTREACH & INNOVATION

2014 CALL FOR ENTRIES.★

Recognizing Models of Safety and Health Excellence



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RECOGNIZING MODELS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH EXCELLENCE ★

VPPPA MISSION ★

To be a leader in health and safety excellence through cooperation among communities, workers, industries and governments.



The VPPPA Annual Awards recognize those VPPPA member sites and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of VPPPA during the previous year.

These pioneers in safety and health have shared their knowledge of safe practices with others or developed new techniques to create a safer, healthier work environment.

Award winners will be recognized at the 30th Annual National VPPPA Conference, August 25–28, 2014, in National Harbor, MD. Winners will receive a commemorative award and gain visibility in VPPPA publications. In addition, a letter of distinction will be sent to key individuals, including the winner's CEO, plant manager and officials from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Department of Energy (DOE) or state plans.

AWARD CATEGORIES

VPPPA awards individuals, sites or companies in each of the following categories. Candidates may be nominated for more than one category as long as they have separate and distinct applications and supporting materials for each award category. Candidates are eligible to win in more than one category.

//OUTREACH Extending services or assistance beyond current or usual limits

VPP OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Ambassadors." This award recognizes those who achieve an outstanding level of outreach activity and encourage others to share their knowledge. Reaching out to communicate and persuade others of the benefits of pursuing OSHA, DOE or state-plan VPP approval is an important part of the mission of VPPPA. Another part of the mission is to persuade other government regulatory agencies to adopt similar programs. The VPP Outreach Award is for an individual, worksite or company that has done an extraordinary amount of work in these areas.

SAFETY AND HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the Safety and Health Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Models," who reach out to share the safety, health, technical and management expertise developed at their sites. The award is for an individual, worksite or company that has achieved an outstanding level of outreach in the safety and health arena, not directly encompassing VPP.

//INNOVATION The introduction of something new

VPP INNOVATION AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Innovation Award is to provide recognition for an individual, worksite or company that has developed and successfully implemented an innovation, encouraged others to try new approaches and emphasized the value of creativity and flexibility in the resolution of worker safety and health problems. The innovation may be program-related or of a technical nature.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee(s) must be a VPPPA member site or an employee of a Full, Associate, Corporate, Agency or Non-Profit Organization member site of VPPPA in good standing.

2013 SAFETY & HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD RECIPIENT

"This award is truly a testament of the ongoing commitment to safety and health excellence from our employees and contractor workforce. We are honored to receive such prestigious recognition for mentoring nine of our resident contractor companies to achieve accreditation for outstanding behavioral based safety (BBS) programs."

— Von Meeks,
Safety and Security Supervisor,
Illinois Refining Division, Marathon
Petroleum Company LP, Robinson, IL

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR OUTREACH AWARDS

The VPPPA Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

EFFORT INVOLVED

The committee will look at a variety of aspects of efforts, including the commitment of resources (such as staff time, travel and/or dollars invested); or for a group award, the variety of people (such as hourly workers, plant managers and corporate officers) involved.

IMPACT

VPP Outreach Award

The committee will consider the impact of the previous year's outreach efforts on VPP in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and whether this was a single outreach effort or part of a series. VPPPA will also consider evidence of results such as VPP application problems solved, VPP Application Workshop® attendance generated, VPP applications submitted and VPP approvals.

Safety and Health Outreach Award

The committee will consider the impact of the outreach efforts during the previous year in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and any known problems solved by the outreach and demonstrated results.

ORIGINALITY

The committee will consider whether any unique approaches or mechanisms were used in the outreach that could be utilized by other VPPPA members.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INNOVATION AWARD

The VPPPA Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

DEGREE OF INNOVATION

The committee will judge how significant the change is (how new and different) compared to approaches already in use across the country. The innovation may be technical protection or control of a hazard, a management system or a combination of the two. It should be a first of its kind.

IMPACT AT THE NOMINEE'S SITE

The committee will be interested in the difference the innovation has made at the site in the previous year. The impact need not necessarily be quantified, such as reduction of injuries or workers' compensation costs, but may include an increase of worker acceptance of needed protection. The nominator would be expected to give evidence of this impact.

IMPACT ON OTHERS, NATIONALLY OR GLOBALLY

The committee will be interested in the innovation's impact on other companies where it has been adopted and OSHA's opinion of the innovation. This may be measured by the number of visits to the nominee's site to see and discuss the innovation, requests to make visits to other sites or meetings to explain the innovation, requests for interviews or articles concerning the innovation by the media, use of the innovation by other sites and any evidence of impact known to these other sites as a result.

2013 VPP OUTREACH AWARD RECIPIENT

"While competitive by nature, we are most proud of the way we turned that 'competitiveness' into 'collaborativeness' by sharing our experiences and working together to improve everyone's safety on site. We created a VPP web page that is accessible site wide, making it easier to share information across companies. Safety is everyone's number one priority."

— *RJ Debevec,*
Hanford Site VPP Champions
Committee Member, Mission Support
Alliance, LLC, Richland, WA

2013 VPP INNOVATION AWARD RECIPIENT

"Being recognized for understanding and demonstrating the VPP process is very fulfilling. In this case, the safety improvement was a direct result of employee involvement. When this aspect of VPP is exercised right, great things happen. To be of part of an employee-based safety project that significantly improved employee safety and then to receive credit for that effort is truly rewarding. The award also places additional responsibility on our company to continue outreach and to share what we have learned with others who have the same working hazards, such as congested work areas and respiratory protective equipment contact hazards."

— *Chris Thursby,*
Principle Safety Specialist,
CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation
Company, Richland, WA

PREPARE YOUR ENTRY TODAY ★

All nominations must be received by May 5, 2014.



VPPPA ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM★

TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS

1 Complete the nomination form, nomination checklist and typed explanation (with additional papers, photos and drawings, if needed).

2 Secure a minimum of two specific letters of recommendation, other than from the nominator.

3 All nominations must be received by VPPPA by **May 5, 2014.**

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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY*

VPP Outreach Award

Safety and Health Outreach Award

VPP Innovation Award

**Remember, candidates nominated for more than one category must have separate and distinct applications and supporting materials for each award category.*

Nominee (PERSON OR SITE): _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

Plant Manager: _____ Company CEO: _____

Company's Six-Digit Member ID #: _____

Company's Type of VPPPA Membership: (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Associate Corporate Full Agency Non-profit

Name of Nominator: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

As nominator, I understand that I have to secure two additional letters of recommendation.

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Name of Nominee's Direct Supervisor: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____



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Name of Nominee's Plant/Site Manager: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION CHECKLIST

Please submit the nomination form and checklist with an attached, typed explanation demonstrating how the nominee has fulfilled the criteria listed below. Each of the criteria should be included for consideration by the VPPPA Awards Committee. We suggest a minimum of one paragraph for each of the criteria.

Additionally, each nomination must include at least two letters of recommendation from persons other than the nominator. The letters must specifically relate to the nominee and this award. Please include the name, title, email address and phone number of the individuals making the recommendations in the space provided.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

VPP Outreach Award

Effort ★ Impact ★ Originality

Safety and Health Outreach Award

Effort ★ Impact ★ Originality

VPP Innovation Award

Degree of innovation ★ Impact at the nominee's site ★ Impact on others, nationally or globally

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1 Name: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____

2 Name: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____

3 Name: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____

4 Name: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____