



*SAFETY EXCELLENCE
AWARDS*

Fellow WEDA Members,

We invite you to nominate for the annual WEDA Safety Excellence Awards individual organizations or project teams whose exceptional safety performance exhibits a proactive approach to raising safety awareness in the dredging workplace.

One award will be present in of the following categories:

- **Dredging Project**
- **Dredging Contractor**

Applications must be submitted to Julie Hile by **April 30, 2018**.

Nominations will be accepted in PDF format at hgoffice@hilegroup.com. Please contact Julie by email or phone with questions or requests for clarification.

Julie Hile, WEDA Safety Commission Chair

309-888-4453

Be aware that Safety Award winners are asked to attend the Dredging Summit & Expo to participate on the Safety Panel and receive the award in person. The 2018 Summit will be held June 25-28, 2018, in Norfolk, Virginia. The theme for this year's Summit & Expo is "Navigating the Future in Dredging."

For additional information, please see the WEDA Safety Award Criteria below.
Best Regards,

The WEDA Safety Commission



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History

During the last decade, workplace safety has gained prominence in the dredging industry at large and within the Western Dredging Association (WEDA). In 2008, the WEDA Board of Directors authorized the creation of the WEDA Annual Safety Award. By 2010, our yearly Dredging Summit & Expo included Technical Papers specific to Safety, and in 2014 we led our first Safety Panel discussion, which was lively and well-attended. Today, we continue to encourage papers about Safety, and we observe that many papers in other Technical areas reflect the integration of safety into dredging operation's priorities and processes.

Objective

The 2018 WEDA Safety Awards will recognize projects for their outstanding contribution to meeting the goals of WEDA, which include:

Promote communications and understanding of safety issues aimed at reducing or eliminating personnel injuries/fatalities and equipment damages, which contribute materially to hazards throughout the dredging industry.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants may include dredging contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, government entities, consultants, academics, and any combination or subset thereof.

Applicants must:

- Be WEDA members in goodstanding.
- Operate within the Western Hemisphere, WEDA's jurisdiction.
- Have a 2017 Total Recordable Injury Rate of 2.0 or below.
- Have a continuous downward trend in Recordable Incidents for 2015-2017.



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The Application

Of great interest to the Safety Commission are those entities who have achieved a major milestone that advances safety in their organization, and/or the dredging industry and offers insights and safety strategies that can be used to improve WEDA members' safety performance.

The application must include:

1. A narrative describing the contractor's safety journey, its challenges and unique success strategies
2. An overview of the company's Safety Management System (SMS) and other noteworthy support processes
3. Leading indicators of safety success (actions taken to ensure safe work) such as near miss/good catch rates, training records, safety STOP rates, records of safety contacts among company employees at all levels, or quality checks on Job Safety Analysis.
4. Total Recordable Injury and Lost Time Injury Rates for 2015-2017.
5. 2 safety improvement strategies or tools to be shared during the WEDA Summit and Expo Safety Panel.
6. A closing reflection about what the contractor's safety accomplishments offer WEDA colleagues, including 2 safety improvement strategies or tools to be shared during the conference Safety Panel.

Optional: Encouraged but not required are up to 3 personal letters of endorsement from company executives, safety professionals, and field safe operations leaders detailing their take on the company's safety successes.

Submittals

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COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS:

COMPANY WEBSITE:

COMPANY CONTACT NAME:

CONTACT PHONE #:

CONTACT EMAIL:

Please include a minimum of 3, maximum of 5 photos with your application.

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Application Format

*1-inch margins

*12-point font with standard single-spacing (approximately 500 words per page)

Application Content

1. A short reflective essay about the company's safety journey, the challenges it has overcome in improving its results, and any unique approach it has taken to advance the nominee's safe operations success.

Limit your response to 500 words

2. An overview of the Safety Management System (SMS) and other noteworthy support processes that have led to accomplishment of the milestone.

Limit your response to 500 words

3. Describe three impactful leading indicators of safety success observed, documented, and tracked for the organization, along with the results they achieved.

Limit your response to 500 words

4. List the 2015-2017 Total Recordable Injury (TRIR) and Lost Time Injury Rates (LTIR) for the organization.

5. Offer the Safety Commission 2 safety improvement strategies or tools which have been particularly helpful in fueling improved safety performance over the course of the contractor's safety journey. These tools will be shared during the WEDA Summit and Expo Safety Panel.

6. A closing essay about what this company's accomplishments have to offer WEDA colleagues and the dredging and marine construction industries as a whole.

Limit your response to 750 words.

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