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## *SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS*

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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 **May 1, 2019**.

Nominations will be accepted in PDF format at [hgooffice@hilegroup.com](mailto:hgooffice@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 2019 Summit will be held June 4-7, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. The theme for this year's Summit & Expo is "Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity."

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

The WEDA Safety Commission



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### **Dredging Project Safety Excellence Award**

#### **Objective**

The 2019 WEDA Dredging Project Safety Excellence Award 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 good standing.
- Operate within the Western Hemisphere, WEDA's jurisdiction.
- Have a 2018 Total Recordable Injury Rate of 2.0 or below.
- Have a continuous downward trend in Recordable Incidents for 2016-2018.



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## **The Application**

Of great interest to the Safety Commission are those projects 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 brief overview of the project, including location, scope of work, types of equipment, total man hours, and number of personnel.
2. Most-impactful 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.
3. Total Recordable Injury and Lost Time Injury Rates for the company and the project.
4. An overview of the Safety Management System and other support processes that have led to the project's success.
5. A closing essay about how the project has advanced safety for the organization or coalition that did the work and its benefits for WEDA colleagues at large, to include 2 safety improvement strategies or tools to be shared during the WEDA Summit and Expo 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 describing the safety successes of the project.

## **Submittals**

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*COMPANY NAME:*

*COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS:*

*COMPANY WEBSITE:*

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*PROJECT NAME & LOCATION:*

*CONTACT NAME:*

*CONTACT EMAIL:*

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**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. Provide an overview of the project, including location, scope of work, types of equipment, total man hours, and number of personnel. Identify the project's principal hazards and mitigation strategies.  
*Limit your response to 750 words.*
2. Describe the 3 most impactful leading indicators of safety success observed, documented, and tracked for the project, along with the results they achieved.  
*Limit your response to 500 words.*
3. List the 2016-2018 Total Recordable Injury (TRIR) and Lost Time Injury Rates (LTIR) for the organization leading the project and TRIR and LTIR for the entire project.
4. Write an overview of the Safety Management System (SMS) and other noteworthy support processes that have led to the project's success.  
*Limit your response to 500 words.*
5. Offer the Safety Commission 2 safety improvement strategies or tools used during the project which can be shared during the WEDA Summit & Expo Safety Panel.  
*Limit your response to 500 words.*
6. Complete your application with an essay describing how this project has uniquely advanced the safety success of the company or coalition of stakeholders associated with the work. Extend your analysis to what this project's safety accomplishments have to offer WEDA colleagues.  
*Limit your response to 1250 words.*

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