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*2024 SAFETY  
EXCELLENCE AWARD  
APPLICATION*

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Fellow WEDA Members,

We invite you to nominate for the annual 2024 Safety Excellence Awards. The awards will recognize individual organizations or project teams for outstanding contributions to meeting the goals of WEDA and for exceptional safety performance that exhibits a proactive approach to raising safety awareness in the dredging workplace.

One award will be presented in each of the following categories:

- **Dredging Company**
- **Dredging Project**
- **Industry Trade Partner**
- **Government/Stakeholder**

Applications must be submitted to Julie Hile by **Friday, March 29, 2024**. Please note this earlier application distribution and corresponding early deadline are a response to industry colleagues' request that we transact this process earlier in the year during the quieter season.

Nominations must conform to the application standards contained in the following pages of this announcement and must be emailed in PDF format to [hile@hilegroup.com](mailto:hile@hilegroup.com). Contact Julie by email or phone with questions or requests for clarification.

Julie Hile, WEDA Safety Commission Chair

Phone: 309-888-4453

Be aware that the awards will be presented during the WEDA Dredging Summit & Expo June 24-27, 2024. Safety Excellence Award winners are asked to attend the Dredging Summit & Expo to participate in the Safety Panel discussion and received their award.

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

Best Regards,

The WEDA Safety Commission



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## **Safety Excellence Award Criteria**

### **Objective**

The 2024 WEDA Safety Excellence Award will recognize outstanding contributions to meeting the goals of WEDA, which include:

*Promoting communications and understanding of safety issues aimed at reducing or eliminating personnel injuries/fatalities and property damage, which contribute materially to hazards throughout the dredging industry.*

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants may include dredging contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, government entities, consultants, academics, or any combination or subset thereof. Anyone can apply. You may also nominate an eligible organization which meets or exceeds the outlined criteria.

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.

Applicants must:

- Be WEDA members in goodstanding or USACE Division and/or District.
- Operate within the Western Hemisphere, WEDA's jurisdiction.
- Adhere to the below application format and content criteria, including staying within word count limit. ***Please follow application format and content closely. Submissions which fail to do so will not be accepted.***

### **Application Format**

\*1-inch margins

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

\* Answers should be concise in nature. *Maximum 500 words each.*

### **Application Content**

1. A short reflective overview of your organization's (or your nomination's) safety journey, the challenges it has overcome in improving its results, and any unique approach it has taken to advance safe operations' success.
2. Describe the **three** most impactful *leading* indicators (measures taken before the occurrence of an incident) of safety success observed, documented, and tracked for the organization, along with the results they achieved. Most-impactful leading indicators of safety success the Safety Commission has observed in previous applications include, but are not limited to,
  - Preventative strategies,
  - Pre-event hazard identification and analysis, and
  - Improvement and/or reduction measures taken.



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3. If applicable, attach the 2022-2023 Total Recordable Injury (TRIR) and Lost Time Injury Rates (LTIR) for the organization.  
\*Government entities to include number of days without incident as equivalent to TRIR/LTIR.
4. Write an overview of **two** noteworthy processes which support the organization's safe operations. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Safety Management System
  - Safety Rule Book
  - Safety Commitment Statement
5. Offer the Safety Commission **two** safety improvement strategies or tools which have been particularly helpful in fueling improved safety performance. These strategies/tools will be shared during the WEDA Dredging Summit & Expo Safety Panel.
6. Complete your application with insight on what this organization's accomplishments have to offer WEDA colleagues and the dredging and marine construction industries as a whole.
7. Include a minimum of **three**, maximum of **five** photos.
8. *Optional:* Encouraged but not required are up to three personal letters of endorsement from executives, vendors, subcontractors, government officials, safety professionals, or field safe operations leaders detailing their take on the organization's safety successes.

#### **Submittals**

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