

# CALCIMA

California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

## EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY AWARDS

### 2026 Application Packet

#### DUE DATE

Applications are due **September 11, 2026**. Submit as one PDF to [nross@calcima.org](mailto:nross@calcima.org) or mail to the CalcIMA office.



2025 Excellence in Safety Award Winner: Vulcan Materials Company / Superior RMC, Escondido Ready-Mix Concrete Plant

### Tell us your safety story.

Share the specific actions, improvements, leadership, and innovations that are making workplaces safer.

## Invitation

### To CalCIMA Members:

Each year, CalCIMA's Safety & Health Committee sponsors the Excellence in Safety Awards. These awards give companies the opportunity to share, in narrative form, the specific actions their mines, plants, and personnel are taking to improve safety.

The awards encourage member companies to share the positive things happening in safety. The mine or plant does not need to be perfect. This is an opportunity to describe what is changing, what is improving, what unique solutions you have found, and how those actions are having a wider impact with employees, contractors, and the community.

There are award categories for all materials, operations, and personnel in the CalCIMA membership. We look forward to hearing your story.

### Leadership of CalCIMA Safety & Health Committee



Russell Morton  
*National RMC Co.*

Co-Chair



Matt Smylie  
*Ford Construction*

Co-Chair



Chad Ouellette  
*Sully Miller  
Contracting Co.*

Vice Chair



Jason Stevenson  
*711 Materials - Reed Family Co*

Vice Chair

## At a glance

Application due	September 11, 2026
Submission format	Submit the information sheet, cover letter, narrative, and supporting materials as one PDF.
Submit to	nross@calcima.org or the CalCIMA office
Questions	Contact Nicole Ross or Charley Rea

## Award Criteria

The awards recognize exceptional contributions to safety, including leadership, innovation, commitment, and impact. The application should tell the story of the achievements and actions at your mine, plant, or by the nominated individual.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be CalcIMA members.

### Award Categories

#### Mine and Plant Awards

Aggregate mine - small (19 or fewer employees)	Aggregate mine - large (20 or more employees)
Hot Mix Asphalt	Concrete (ready mixed and precast concrete)
Industrial Mineral and Cement plants	

#### Individual Awards

Outstanding Safety Leadership Award	Safety Professional Award
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### Award Descriptions

<b>Mine/Plant Awards</b>	Recognize the overall safety accomplishments and progress of mines and plants, including the combined efforts of management and personnel.
<b>Outstanding Safety Leadership Award</b>	Recognizes individuals for safety leadership, including specific or ongoing acts. This category is broadly available for miners, equipment operators, shop personnel, drivers, scale house personnel, technicians, mechanics, foremen, supervisors, plant managers, and others at the mine or plant (but it is not for personnel whose primary duty is safety).
<b>Safety Professional Award</b>	Recognizes safety managers and other personnel whose primary duties are related to safety. Nominations can be submitted by the company, an individual, or a professional colleague.

## Required Application Elements

1. Information Sheet (Attachment A) with basic data on the nominee.
2. Signed letter from a company principal. For the Outstanding Safety Leadership Award, the letter should be from the mine/plant manager and a safety professional.
3. Photos or supporting documentation. Photos or other documentation are required to explain engineering and communication accomplishments. Statistics, documents, pictures, diagrams, data, testimonials, and other supporting materials are welcomed.
4. Narrative description addressing the criteria below. The narrative is the most important part of the application and should be specific to the mine, plant, or individual. PowerPoint is not acceptable.

## Narrative Criteria

Leadership	Commitment, dedication, and contributions to a strong safety culture.
Innovation and creativity	Engineering solutions, specific accomplishments, progress, performance, heroics, or creative approaches.
Beyond the plant	Impact of the applicant's safety influence or participation beyond the candidate's plant and/or company.
Summation	Why the applicant is outstanding and deserving of the award.

## Judging and Awards

A panel of judges selected by CalcIMA's Safety & Health Committee will determine the winners. Judges will not review applications from their own company. Judging is confidential, and judges may exercise discretion in applying criteria and determining the number of awards.

Award presentations will be at CalcIMA's Education Conference, November 3-6

## Tips for Applicants

- Tell the story. Describe what sets the mine, plant, or person apart from other operations.
- Explain the challenge, where initiative was taken, what changed, and how those actions made a difference.
- Make sure the application includes the cover letter, narrative, and information form.
- Make sure the narrative addresses all four criteria.
- Be detailed. Judges want to learn what is specific and unique, not only general or corporate safety policies.
- Include photos, graphics, and other visual items as required or helpful.
- Judges may deduct points for substantially similar applications submitted for multiple mines or plants.
- Mines, plants, and individuals may re-apply from year to year. The committee is always interested in new developments.

### **SUBMISSION TIP**

It is best if all application pieces are submitted together as one PDF.

# Attachment A

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## 2026 CalCIMA Excellence in Safety Awards Information Sheet

### Award category:

#### Mine/Plant Awards:

\_\_\_ Aggregate (large)

\_\_\_ Concrete

\_\_\_ Aggregate (small)

\_\_\_ Asphalt

\_\_\_ Industrial Mineral & Cement

#### Individual Awards

\_\_\_ Outstanding Safety Leadership Award

\_\_\_ Safety Professional Award

### Nominee Information

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mine, Plant, or Contractor ID # (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Person Submitting Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact person & e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Statistical Information (for mine and plant awards only)

# of employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours worked in 2025 (or recent 12 month period): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lost-Time Accidents: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Worker Hours Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Lost-time Accident Frequency Rate = \_\_\_\_\_  
(lost-time accidents x 200,000/# of hours worked)