



Professionals Dedicated To Arizona's Water



Plant and System Operations Awards

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

These awards are presented to facilities/plants/systems or individuals (Operators, Supervisors, Electricians, Maintenance Mechanics, or Technology Professionals i.e. Instrumentation Technicians, System Programmers, SCADA Professionals, GIS Professionals, etc.) that have sustained notable outstanding service to the AZ Water Association in the categories pertaining to water, wastewater, collections and distribution - both small and large systems*.

The awards included in this category are listed below:

- Treatment Plant of the Year: Large System
- Treatment Plant of the Year: Small System
- System of the Year: Large System
- System of the Year: Small System
- Operator of the Year – Treatment Plant: Large System
- Operator of the Year – Treatment Plant: Small System
- Operator of the Year – System: Large System
- Operator of the Year – System: Small System
- Operations Supervisor of the Year – Treatment Plant: Large System
- Operations Supervisor of the Year – Treatment Plant: Small System
- Operations Supervisor of the Year – System: Large System
- Operations Supervisor of the Year – System: Small System
- Electrician of the Year – Large System
- Electrician of the Year – Small System
- Maintenance Mechanic of the Year – Large System
- Maintenance Mechanic of the Year – Small System
- Technology Professional of the Year – Large System
- Technology Professional of the Year – Small System
- Laboratory Analyst of the Year

*Small System = facility serving < less than 50,000 population
Large System = facility serving > greater than 50,000 population

BACKGROUND

Every year the AZ Water Association recognizes its most devoted members and facilities (both small and large systems) with the Plant and System Operations Awards. The AZ Water Association has recognized facilities/plants/systems since 1994, Operators since 1970 and



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Skilled Workers (Operators, Supervisors, Electricians, Maintenance Mechanics & Technology Professionals) since 2000.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The current selection committee consists of the selection committee chair plus five other members. The committee shall consist of at least five members. Additional representation from the AZ Water Board or Awards Program Committee may be added if needed at the discretion of the selection committee chair. The selection committee members are selected according to their knowledge and expertise of the water and waste water treatment industry.

Entry forms for the nominees are distributed to the selection committee for review and ranking. A conference call is scheduled to discuss the rankings and select an award recipient. For nominees who are not selected, the nomination can be resubmitted in subsequent years; however, a person can receive each award only once. Only one award may be given out each year for each category. An award is not necessarily given out every year if a deserving award recipient cannot be selected from the field of nominees.

Once an award recipient has been selected, the selection committee chair contacts the nominator to request a biographical statement. The selection for the award recipient will then be unveiled at the annual conference.

GENERAL CRITERIA

A Nominee for this award will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Involvement and knowledge in:
 - Operations of facility
 - New methods
 - New projects
 - New technology
 - Upgrades/improvements
 - Modifications
 - Safety practices and procedures
2. Participation in a team environment and positive attitude
3. Achievements accomplished by being goal driven



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4. Motivation to develop and progress in the areas of education, training, personal advancement and upgrading of certifications
5. Ability to instruct or train others in a classroom setting or out in the field
6. Number of years of experience on the job
7. Sustained outstanding service to AZ Water
8. Must be a member of the AZ Water Association in good standing
9. Must meet the regulatory requirements regarding water & wastewater quality

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are accepted from the general membership, the selection committee and the water & wastewater industry. In order to enter a nominee, complete all the fields of the entry form on the Awards Program Committee webpage including an uploaded photo of the individual/plant/facility/system, a completed 'Plant and System Certification Form' which is available online on the AZ Water Awards Committee page, and one (1) recommendation letter from the nominee's employer (include name and position). In addition, upload scanned copies of any supporting biographical or other material along with the entry form.

ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award style is determined by the Selection Committee. The current award style is a plaque that exhibits the title of the award, year and recipients name.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference by the selection committee chair. The award recipient will be asked to come forth to accept the award after a biographical statement is read about the award recipient. Afterwards, a photo is taken of the award recipient with the AZ Water President. Following the awards ceremony all the award recipients are also asked to gather for a group photo as well. In addition, photos of all the awarded recipients are included in the AZ Water Association July Newsletter.