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# Engineer of the Year OR Operations Leader of the Year

## **AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The Engineer of the Year and Operations Leadership Awards recognizes exceptional engineers and operation leaders of the AZ Water Association for their significant contributions to the water/wastewater industry and to AZ Water.

## **BACKGROUND**

The AZ Water Association has been recognizing exceptional engineers among its members with the Engineer of the Year Award since 2004.

The Operations Leadership Award is a new category set up in 2013.

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The selection committee consists of the Awards Program Committee. The committee shall consist of at least five members. Additional representation from the AZ Water Board may be added if needed.

Entry forms and additional information for each nominee 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 the award only once. Only one of each award (Engineer of the Year and Operations Leadership) may be given out each year. 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 selected award recipient will be notified by the committee prior to the annual conference.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

The following are general criteria for nominees:

1. Complete all fields of the "Engineer of the Year or Operations Leadership Entry Form" and upload the required additional information indicated below in the Nomination Process Section.



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2. Engineer of the Year nominees shall at minimum have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering and shall be a member in good standing of the AZ Water Association.
3. The AZ Water Award Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries.
4. Entries received after the posted deadline will not be accepted.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Entries will be judged on the basis of individual contributions on the basis of the rating guidelines listed herein.

### **Rating Guidelines**

Evaluation criteria will include the nominee's:

1. Contribution to the Water/Wastewater industry
2. Contributions to the AZ Water Association, WEF, and AWWA

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

In order to enter a nominee for the Engineer of the Year or Operations Leadership Award, complete all fields of the Engineer of the Year or Operations Leadership Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage, provide one (1) recommendation letter from a person (include name and position) in the industry, and one (1) recommendation letter from the nominee's employer (include name and position). In addition, up to 3 letters of recommendation from employers, peers, regulating agencies or others in the water/wastewater industry can be submitted but are not required.

**ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY**

## **AWARD PRESENTATION**

The award style is determined by the Awards Program Committee. The current award style is a 9" x 7" acrylic curvature sculpture.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference by the Association President after the Engineer of the Year Committee Chair reads the biographical statement about the award recipient. Afterwards, a photo is taken of award recipient with the AZ Water President. An identical award and presentation will be included for the Operations Leadership Award.