



Professionals Dedicated To Arizona's Water



Gimmicks & Gadgets Contest

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The AZ Water Association recognizes the inventive creativity and ingenuity of its members with the Gimmicks & Gadgets Contest. This contest is targeted to maintenance, operation, or construction of water systems.

BACKGROUND

Gimmicks & Gadgets entries are judged on the basis of originality, simplicity, use, and application to the water industry. A successful entry will be a novel and relatively simple mechanical device or procedure. It will be designed to provide a more efficient, safe, or simplified way to perform a routine task or function in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water utility system.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Gimmicks & Gadgets Contest selection committee is comprised of the AZ Water Award Chair and 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.

The committee will examine all entries and provide the names of the winners to the *Opflow* Editor. Award for first, second, and third place may be given out once each year. Each entry will be screened by the committee and, if not found dangerous or otherwise unacceptable, will be submitted as an approved entry into the annual competition and could possibly be included in a future AZ Water Association publication. Entrants will be notified by email concerning the status of their entry. The winning entry may be submitted for consideration by AWWA for cash prizes and national recognition in *Opflow*. If accepted by *Opflow*, a signed release will be required before publication.

GENERAL CRITERIA

An entry should be a novel and relatively simple mechanical device or procedure designed to provide a more efficient, safer, and/or simplified means of performing routine tasks or functions in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water utility system. Commercially available products are not eligible as gadgets, but a unique use of a commercial product may be entered as a gimmick.



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Your submittal should include a brief summary of your gimmick or gadget that clearly describes the device or procedure and how it has improved the performance of routine tasks. You may also submit drawings or photos. An illustration helps the committee understand the idea in a concrete way. Illustrations or photos may be submitted digitally in .tif or .jpg format. Digital images should be at least 300 dpi (high resolution).

NOMINATION PROCESS

In order to submit an entry, complete all fields of the Gimmicks & Gadgets Contest Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage by the posted deadline.

ENTRY FORMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY

AWARD PRESENTATION

Winners are recognized and awarded a plaque at the AZ Water Association annual conference. Winners will also be eligible for Opflows cash awards of \$500 for first, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third place. Opflow winners are also honored at the annual Distribution System Symposium in September.