

2016 WODA Environmental Excellence Awards

Process and Criteria

Objective

The 2016 WODA Environmental Excellence Awards will recognize projects for their outstanding contribution to meeting the goals of WODA, which include:

Promote communication and understanding of environmental issues and stimulate new solutions associated with dredging and placement of dredged materials such that dredging projects, including navigation, environmental, and sand/gravel dredging, are accomplished in an efficient manner while meeting environmental goals.

Awards

Three Environmental Excellence Awards will be given, one for each of three dredging categories; the categories are based upon the objective of the dredging project:

- (1) Dredging for Navigation (purpose is to create or maintain navigation channels);
- (2) Environmental Dredging (purpose is environmental enhancement, e.g., remediation or wetland creation); and
- (3) Dredging for Sand and Gravel Extraction (purpose is to extract sand and gravel for such actions as concrete production, land development, or beach nourishment).

These awards will be presented during the June 2016 World Dredging Congress in Miami, Florida, USA.

- Recognition will include a plaque, a press release, and a special highlight on the WODA, WEDA, CEDA, and EADA/CHIDA/EADA-India websites.
- The award will be for a project, and team members will be recognized. The preference is for all project team members to be WEDA, CEDA, or EADA members; however, at least one of the project team members must be a WEDA, CEDA, or EADA member in good standing.
- The project must be related to dredging or marine engineering, consistent with WODA's mission, which includes beneficial use of dredged material. Navigation, environmental, and sand/gravel dredging projects will be recognized if projects are submitted that meet the award criteria (i.e., three separate awards). Second place in each category may be awarded Silver Awards.
- The project must not have been completed more than three years from the date of the award application, or for longer term projects, specific increments or phases must have been completed to be eligible for consideration.

- Applications will be accepted only for those projects that have been approved by all applicable regulatory agencies, and implemented. Project applications will not be accepted without necessary permissions from the project owner (if applicable).
- Previous WEDA Environmental Excellence Award winners are not eligible to resubmit the same project, nor are projects that were previously submitted which did not win the WEDA Environmental Excellence Award.
- After the June 2016 Miami Congress, the project application may be included as submitted on the WODA, WEDA, CEDA, or EADA/CHIDA websites. The summary of the project of the Award winners, as written in the application, will be included in a press release and possibly in a newsletter or other electronic communication; submittal of an application grants permission for these actions.
- Attendance of a project representative at the WODA conference is expected of all award applicants.
- Posters from all applicants: bringing a standard-sized poster (e.g., 20 inches by 30 inches or 50 cm by 70 cm) showing off the project to the conference will enhance all attendees' understanding of the projects, the project team, and the project accomplishments. These will be displayed in the foyer leading to the exhibit hall. If you want to keep the poster, please make arrangements to have it return home with you.
- While projects will be awarded based upon their merits using the ranking criteria provided below, the WODA Environmental Excellence Awards Review Team does appreciate an application that is well formatted, easy to read, and explains how the project qualifies based on each ranking criteria.
- The WODA Environmental Excellence Awards Team that will review the applications includes members from WEDA, EADA, and CEDA.
- Winners will be announced during the Gala Dinner on Thursday evening during the Congress in Miami.

Project Ranking Criteria

- Environmental benefits (35 points)
 - What are the environmental benefits?
 - What unique environmental challenges were addressed?
 - Were any mitigation measures adopted? If so, list out the measures.
 - Did the project incorporate the principles within the approaches of working with nature or engineering with nature?
- Innovation (20 points)
 - How does this project show leadership and take steps beyond "traditional" environmental protection efforts?
 - Did the project "break new ground" in addressing the environmental challenges?
 - What methods, technologies, or approaches (including partnerships) were used?

- What sustainable approaches were applied?
- Economic benefits (15 points)
 - Explain implementation of cost-effective methods, procedures, or practices in terms of environmental protection efforts. Were there project efficiencies? Were there any specific cost-saving or economic enhancement components of the project?
 - What are the impacts on socio – economic aspects while considering the environmental benefits?
 - How does the project contribute to the economy?
- Transferability (15 points)
 - Are the project characteristics and lessons learned transferable and can they be used by others addressing similar environmental issues?
- Outreach and Education (15 points)
 - What education and/or outreach activities were undertaken?
 - What mechanisms were used to involve the broad array of stakeholders?

Applications

- Applications should be submitted in English.
- Important: Applications are to be no longer than 6 pages total length.
- Outline of application:
 - Cover page. Does not count towards page count.
 - Summary: project description: goals, objectives, accomplishments (one page maximum)—identify which award category: navigation dredging, environmental dredging, or sand and gravel dredging. To be used in press release.
 - Complete list of project team members and their affiliations, including the project owner, the role of the team members, WEDA, CEDA, or EADA membership status, and the nominating entity.
 - Environmental benefits
 - Innovation
 - Economic benefits
 - Transferability
 - Outreach and education
 - Inclusion of project figures, diagrams, or photographs is encouraged (maximum of three pages). These pages do not count towards the page count.
- Applications should be submitted by 15 April 2016, in PDF format to Craig Vogt, Chair of WODA's Environmental Commission, at Craig@CraigVogt.com.