



*SAFETY EXCELLENCE
AWARDS*

Fellow WEDA Members,

We invite you to nominate for the annual WEDA Safety Excellence Awards individual organizations or project teams whose exceptional safety performance exhibits a proactive approach to raising safety awareness in the dredging workplace.

One award will be present in of the following categories:

- **Dredging Project**
- **Dredging Contractor**

Applications must be submitted to Julie Hile by **April 30, 2018**.

Nominations will be accepted in PDF format at hgoffice@hilegroup.com. Please contact Julie by email or phone with questions or requests for clarification.

Julie Hile, WEDA Safety Commission Chair

309-888-4453

Be aware that Safety Award winners are asked to attend the Dredging Summit & Expo to participate on the Safety Panel and receive the award in person. The 2018 Summit will be held June 25-28, 2018, in Norfolk, Virginia. The theme for this year's Summit & Expo is "Navigating the Future in Dredging."

For additional information, please see the WEDA Safety Award Criteria below.
Best Regards,

The WEDA Safety Commission



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History

During the last decade, workplace safety has gained prominence in the dredging industry at large and within the Western Dredging Association (WEDA). In 2008, the WEDA Board of Directors authorized the creation of the WEDA Annual Safety Award. By 2010, our yearly Dredging Summit & Expo included Technical Papers specific to Safety, and in 2014 we led our first Safety Panel discussion, which was lively and well-attended. Today, we continue to encourage papers about Safety, and we observe that many papers in other Technical areas reflect the integration of safety into dredging operation's priorities and processes.

Objective

The 2018 WEDA Safety Awards will recognize projects for their outstanding contribution to meeting the goals of WEDA, which include:

Promote communications and understanding of safety issues aimed at reducing or eliminating personnel injuries/fatalities and equipment damages, which contribute materially to hazards throughout the dredging industry.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants may include dredging contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, government entities, consultants, academics, and any combination or subset thereof.

Applicants must:

- Be WEDA members in goodstanding.
- Operate within the Western Hemisphere, WEDA's jurisdiction.
- Have a 2017 Total Recordable Injury Rate of 2.0 or below.
- Have a continuous downward trend in Recordable Incidents for 2015-2017.



*2018 DREDGING PROJECT
SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD
APPLICATION*

The Application

Of great interest to the Safety Commission are those projects who have achieved a major milestone that advances safety in their organization, and/or the dredging industry and offers insights and safety strategies that can be used to improve WEDA members' safety performance.

The application must include:

1. A brief overview of the project, including location, scope of work, types of equipment, total man hours, and number of personnel.
2. Most-impactful leading indicators of safety success (actions taken to ensure safe work) such as near miss/good catch rates, training records, safety STOP rates, records of safety contacts among company employees at all levels, or quality checks on Job Safety Analysis.
3. Total Recordable Injury and Lost Time Injury Rates for the company and the project.
4. An overview of the Safety Management System and other support processes that have led to the project's success.
5. 2 safety improvement strategies or tools to be shared during the WEDA Summit and Expo Safety Panel.
6. A closing essay about how the project has advanced safety for the organization or coalition that did the work and its benefits for WEDA colleagues at large.

Optional: Encouraged but not required are up to 3 personal letters of endorsement from company executives, safety professionals, and field safe operations leaders describing the safety successes of the project.

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COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS:

COMPANY WEBSITE:

PROJECT NAME & LOCATION:

CONTACT NAME:

CONTACT EMAIL:

Please include a minimum of 3, maximum of 5 photos with your application.

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Application Format

*1-inch margins

*12-point font with standard single-spacing (approximately 500 words per page)

Application Content

1. Provide an overview of the project, including location, scope of work, types of equipment, total man hours, and number of personnel. Identify the project's principal hazards and mitigation strategies.
Limit your response to 750 words.
2. Describe the 3 most impactful leading indicators of safety success observed, documented, and tracked for the project, along with the results they achieved.
Limit your response to 500 words.
3. List the 2015-2017 Total Recordable Injury (TRIR) and Lost Time Injury Rates (LTIR) for the organization leading the project and TRIR and LTIR for the entire project.
4. Write an overview of the Safety Management System (SMS) and other noteworthy support processes that have led to the project's success.
Limit your response to 500 words.
5. Offer the Safety Commission 2 safety improvement strategies or tools used during the project which can be shared during the WEDA Summit & Expo Safety Panel.
Limit your response to 500 words.
6. Complete your application with an essay describing how this project has uniquely advanced the safety success of the company or coalition of stakeholders associated with the work. Extend your analysis to what this project's safety accomplishments have to offer WEDA colleagues.
Limit your response to 1250 words.

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