



*2020 DREDGING CONTRACTOR
SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD
APPLICATION*

Fellow WEDA Members,

We invite you to nominate for the annual 2020 Safety Excellence Awards. The awards will recognize individual organizations or project teams for outstanding contributions to meeting the goals of WEDA and for exceptional safety performance that 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 **Monday, March 16, 2020**.

Nominations must conform to the application standards contained in the following pages of this announcement and must be emailed in PDF format to hile@hilegroup.com. Contact Julie by email or phone with questions or requests for clarification.

Julie Hile, WEDA Safety Commission Chair

Phone: 309-888-4453

Be aware that the awards will be presented on June 10, 2020, during the WEDA Awards Luncheon at the Dredging Summit & Expo in Houston, Texas. Safety Excellence Award winners are asked to attend the Dredging Summit & Expo to participate on the Safety Panel and received their award in person.

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

Best Regards,

The WEDA Safety Commission



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Dredging Contractor Safety Excellence Award

Objective

The 2020 WEDA Dredging Contractor Safety Excellence Award will recognize a dredging contractor 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. Anyone from a company can submit an application.

Of great interest to the Safety Commission are those entities 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.

Applicants must:

- Be WEDA members in good standing.
- Operate within the Western Hemisphere, WEDA's jurisdiction.
- Adhere to the below application format and content criteria, including staying within word count limit. ***Please follow application format and content closely. Submissions which fail to do so will not be accepted.***

Application Format

*1-inch margins

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

Application Content

1. A short reflective essay about the company's safety journey, the challenges it has overcome in improving its results, and any unique approach it has taken to advance the nominee's safe operations success. *Limit your response to 750 words.*
2. Describe the 3 most impactful *leading* indicators of safety success observed, documented, and tracked for the company, along with the results they achieved. Most-impactful leading indicators of safety success (actions taken to ensure safe work) may include, but are not limited to, 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. *Limit your response to 500 words.*



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3. Attach the 2017-2020 Total Recordable Injury (TRIR) and Lost Time Injury Rates (LTIR) for the organization.
4. Write an overview of the Safety Management System (SMS) and other noteworthy support processes that have led to the company's success. *Limit your response to 500 words.*
5. Offer the Safety Commission 2 safety improvement strategies or tools which have been particularly helpful in fueling improved safety performance over the contractor's safety journey. These strategies/tools will be shared during the WEDA Dredging Summit & Expo Safety Panel. *Limit your response to 500 words.*
6. Complete your application with an essay about what this company's accomplishments have to offer WEDA colleagues and the dredging and marine construction industries as a whole. *Limit your response to 750 words.*
7. Include a minimum of 3, maximum of 5 photos.
8. *Optional:* Encouraged but not required are up to 3 personal letters of endorsement from company executives, vendors, subcontractors, government officials, safety professionals, or field safe operations leaders detailing their take on the company's safety successes.

Submittals

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