



## **VPPPA Annual Awards Criteria 2016**

The Region X VPPPA Annual Awards recognize those VPPPA member sites and individuals within Region X that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of the VPPPA during the previous year. These pioneers in safety and health have shared their knowledge of safe practices with others or developed new techniques to create a safer, healthier work environment.

Annual Award winners will be recognized at the 2016 Region X Annual VPPPA Conference, May 17-19, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. Winners will receive a commemorative award, as well as, public and written recognition to appropriate key individuals, plant managers and OSHA/DOE officials.

All nominations must be received by close of business on April 4, 2016.

Mail or Electronic mail nominations to:  
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## **ELIGIBILITY**

Each nominee(s) must be a site, or an employee of a site, that is a member of the Region X VPPP Association in good standing from one of the categories listed below:

- a full member,
- an associate member,
- a corporate member,
- an agency within the Region X boundaries, or
- a non-profit organization member.

Eligible activities must have been completed in the calendar year prior to the regional conference.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES**

### **OUTREACH: *(Extending services or assistance beyond a site or company)***

- **VPP Outreach Award**

The purpose of the Region X VPP Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Ambassadors," who achieve an outstanding level of outreach activity and results, as well as, encourage others to reach that level outside of their site or location. Reaching out to communicate and persuade others of the benefits of pursuing OSHA or DOE VPP approval is an important part of VPPPA's mission. The VPP Outreach Award is for an individual, company, or worksite that has done an extraordinary amount of work in these areas.

- **Safety and Health Outreach Award**

The purpose of the Region X Safety and Health Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP models" who reach out to share the safety and health technical and management expertise outside of their own sites. The award is for an individual, company or worksite that has achieved an outstanding level of outreach to other



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companies, groups, communities, or locations within the safety and health arena, not directly encompassing the VPP.

### **INNOVATION: (The introduction of something new!)**

- **VPP Innovation Award**

The purpose of the Region X VPP Innovation Award is to provide recognition for a site or company that has developed, and successfully implemented, an innovation to encourage others to try new approaches, and to emphasize the value of creativity and flexibility in the resolution of worker safety and health problems. The innovation may be program related or of a technical nature.

### **MENTORING: (Assisting other sites to become VPP)**

- **Mentor of the Year Award**

This award provides recognition for an individual or a site that has been identified on the national VPPPA list as a mentor, and who has worked with a company or sites trying to achieve VPP Star or Merit status.



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## **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE REGION X OUTREACH AWARDS**

The Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

### **Effort Involved**

The Committee will look at a variety of aspects of efforts, including the commitment of resources (such as staff, time, travel, and/or dollars invested); or, for a group, other resources that were involved (such as plant managers and/or corporate officers).

### **Originality**

The Committee will consider whether any unique approaches or mechanisms were used in the outreach that could be utilized by other VPPPA members.

### **VPP Outreach Award**

The Awards Committee will consider the impact on the VPP of the outreach efforts during the previous calendar year for the industries, communities, or locations receiving outreach. This includes the relation of the nominee to the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor, a first outreach effort, or part of a series of invitations extended by the recipient). The VPPPA will also consider evidence of results such as VPP memberships initiated, VPP application problems solved, VPP Application Workshop attendance generated, VPP application submitted, and VPP approvals obtained.

### **Safety and Health Outreach Award**

The Awards Committee will consider the impact of the outreach efforts during the previous calendar year for the companies, communities, locations, and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relation of the nominee to the organization that received the outreach (such as different industry), any know problems solved by the outreach and organization that received the outreach, and any known problems solved by the outreach and demonstrated results.



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## **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE INNOVATION AWARD**

The Awards Committee will make its judgment based on the following criteria:

### **Degree of Innovation**

The Committee will judge how significant the change is (how new and different) from approaches already in use across the country. It may be technical protection, control of a hazard, a management system, or a combination of the above. It should be a first of its kind.

### **Impact at the Nominee(s) Site(s)**

The Region X Awards Committee will be interested in what difference the innovation has made in the previous calendar year. The impact need not necessarily be quantified, such as reduction of injuries or workers' compensation costs, but may include an increase of worker acceptance of needed protection. The nominator would be expected to provide evidence of this impact.

### **Impact on Others, Nationally or Globally**

The Region X Awards Committee will be interested in the innovation's impact on other companies, where it has been adopted, and OSHA's opinion of the innovation. This may be measured by numbers of visits to the nominee's site to see and discuss the innovation, requests to make visits to other sites for interviews, articles concerning the innovation by the media, use of the innovation by other sites, and any evidence of impact known to these other sites as a result.

## **APPLICATION & SELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGION X MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

1. A completed application form shall be completed for each individual or site that is nominated.
2. A list of the sites that were mentored from January 1st to December 31st of the previous calendar year must be included with the



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application form, an indication of how many visits and/or calls the mentor made to the site –or- a frequency indication of when the mentor was active, and include a contact person at each site. (Mentor sites will be verified on the National VPPPA Database)

3. A letter of commitment from the mentor's place of employment indicating support to mentor other sites.
4. Three letters of recommendation are required to accompany the application.
  - a. Two of the three must be from a leader or manager at least 2 different mentored sites
  - b. One letter shall be from an OSHA/State Plan VPP Manager or DOE VPP Manager
  - c. Evidence of the integrity and dependability of the nominee shall be included in the nominating letters.
  - d. The letters shall demonstrate company commitment to mentoring other sites.
5. The application shall include a list and scope of activities performed as mentoring such as:
  - a. The number of assisted VPP onsite evaluations,
  - b. The number of potential VPP sites officially mentored,
  - c. The types of activities the mentor performed and any results achieved
  - d. The activities the mentor participated in at each site.
6. The application shall include a descriptive of any initiative ideas and/or methods of mentoring used by the mentor to assist the site.