

# VPPPA Annual Awards For Outreach & Innovation

\* 2012 CALL FOR ENTRIES \*



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# Recognizing Models of Safety and Health Excellence

The VPPPA Annual Awards recognize those VPPPA member sites and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of 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.

Award winners will be recognized at the 28th Annual National VPPPA Conference, August 20-23, 2012, in Anaheim, CA. Winners will receive a commemorative award and gain visibility in VPPPA publications. In addition, a letter of distinction will be sent to key individuals, including the winner's CEO, plant manager and officials from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Department of Energy (DOE) or state plans.

## VPPPA MISSION

**TO BE A LEADER IN HEALTH AND SAFETY EXCELLENCE THROUGH COOPERATION AMONG COMMUNITIES, WORKERS, INDUSTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS.**

## ELIGIBILITY

The nominee(s) must be a VPPPA member site or an employee of a Full, Associate, Corporate, Agency or Non-Profit Organization member site of VPPPA in good standing.

## Award Categories

VPPPA awards individuals, sites or companies in each of the following categories. Candidates may be nominated for more than one category as long as they have separate and distinct applications and supporting materials for each award category. Candidates are eligible to win in more than one category.

### \* OUTREACH » EXTENDING SERVICES OR ASSISTANCE BEYOND CURRENT OR USUAL LIMITS

#### VPP OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Ambassadors." This award recognizes those who achieve an outstanding level of outreach activity and encourage others to share their knowledge. Reaching out to communicate and persuade others of the benefits of pursuing OSHA, DOE or state-plan VPP approval is an important part of the mission of VPPPA. Another part of the mission is to persuade other government regulatory agencies to adopt similar programs. The VPP Outreach Award is for an individual, worksite or company that has done an extraordinary amount of work in these areas.

#### SAFETY AND HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD

The purpose of the Safety and Health Outreach Award is to provide recognition for our "VPP Models," who reach out to share the safety, health, technical and management expertise developed at their sites. The award is for an individual, worksite or company that has achieved an outstanding level of outreach in the safety and health arena, not directly encompassing VPP.

### \* INNOVATION » THE INTRODUCTION OF SOMETHING NEW

#### VPP INNOVATION AWARD

The purpose of the VPP Innovation Award is to provide recognition for an individual, worksite or company that has developed and successfully implemented an innovation, encouraged others to try new approaches and emphasized 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.

#### 2011 VPP INNOVATION AWARD RECIPIENT

*"Our site is elated to be an award recipient at the VPPPA national level. To win an award of this magnitude speaks volumes toward the men and women of our team who have made a solid commitment to always strive for excellence in all aspects of our business. This award is evidence that questions can turn into thoughts, thoughts can turn into plans, plans can turn into actions and actions by a few can be beneficial for many."*

— CARDELL BROWN, RAYTHEON, DALLAS, TX

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
**MAY 7, 2012.**  
PREPARE YOUR ENTRY TODAY!

# Selection Criteria for Outreach Awards

The VPPPA 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 award, the variety of people (such as hourly workers, plant managers and corporate officers) involved.

## IMPACT

### VPP OUTREACH AWARD

The committee will consider the impact of the previous year's outreach efforts on VPP in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and whether this was a single outreach effort or part of a series. VPPPA will also consider evidence of results such as VPP application problems solved, VPP Application Workshop® attendance generated, VPP applications submitted and VPP approvals.

### SAFETY AND HEALTH OUTREACH AWARD

The committee will consider the impact of the outreach efforts during the previous year in terms of the number of people, locations, companies and industries receiving outreach. This includes the relationship of the nominee with the organization that received the outreach (such as whether it is a direct competitor or completely different industry) and any known problems solved by the outreach and demonstrated results.

## ORIGINALITY

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

# Selection Criteria for Innovation Award

The VPPPA 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) compared to approaches already in use across the country. The innovation may be technical protection or control of a hazard, a management system or a combination of the two. It should be a first of its kind.

## IMPACT AT THE NOMINEE'S SITE

The committee will be interested in the difference the innovation has made at the site in the previous 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 give evidence of this impact.

## IMPACT ON OTHERS, NATIONALLY OR GLOBALLY

The 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 the number of visits to the nominee's site to see and discuss the innovation, requests to make visits to other sites or meetings to explain the innovation, requests for interviews or 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.

### 2011 VPPPA SAFETY & HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

*"Being recognized for this award means a lot. Safety and health play a large role in my day-to-day and work life, as they ensure my family that I will be home safe. Working for a VPP site gives me peace of mind as well, since I know the company takes safety for real!"*

—JOHN WEATHERSBY, GENERAL ELECTRIC HEALTHCARE, REPAIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MILWAUKEE, WI

*"I am proud to have achieved the requirements to qualify for the VPPPA award, and I feel motivated to continue creating more environmental, health and safety improvements within my work areas."*

—JUDY SHEU-RISCHETTE, GENERAL ELECTRIC HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES – MAGNETIC RESONANCE OPERATIONS

# VPPPA Annual Awards Nomination Form

\* TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS \*

**1** Complete the nomination form, nomination checklist and typed explanation (with additional papers, photos and drawings, if needed).

**2** Secure a minimum of two specific letters of recommendation, other than from the nominator.

**3** All nominations must be received by VPPPA by **MAY 7, 2012.**

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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY\* »

VPP Outreach Award     Safety and Health Outreach Award     VPP Innovation Award

*\*Remember, candidates nominated for more than one category must have separate and distinct applications and supporting materials for each award category.*

**Name of Nominee (Person/Site):** \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Company CEO: \_\_\_\_\_

Company's Six-Digit Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Company's Type of VPPPA Membership: (Please check one)

Associate     Corporate     Full     Agency     Non-profit

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As nominator, I understand that I have to secure two additional letters of recommendation.

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominee's Direct Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee's Plant/Site Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Annual Awards Nomination Checklist

Please submit the nomination form and checklist with an attached, typed explanation demonstrating how the nominee has fulfilled the criteria listed below. Each of the criteria should be included for consideration by the VPPPA Awards Committee. We suggest a minimum of one paragraph for each of the criteria.

Additionally, each nomination must include at least **two** letters of recommendation from persons other than the nominator. The letters must specifically relate to the nominee and this award. Please include the name, title, email address and phone number of the individuals making the recommendations in the space provided.

## PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY »

**VPP Outreach Award**

Effort \* Impact \* Originality

**Safety and Health Outreach Award**

Effort \* Impact \* Originality

**VPP Innovation Award**

Degree of innovation \* Impact at the nominee's site \* Impact on others, nationally or globally

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION »

1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_