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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is seeking nominations for our 2013 Environmental Excellence Awards (EEAs). The EEAs, a biennial awards program, recognize partners, projects, and processes across the United States that use FHWA funding sources to go beyond environmental compliance and achieve environmental excellence. Awardees must make an outstanding contribution that exceeds traditional expectations for transportation projects and encourages environmental stewardship and partnerships to achieve a multi-faceted, environmentally sensitive transportation solution.

Nomination Rules and Guidelines

Nominators: Any organization, agency, group, or individual in the public, private, or non-profit sectors may submit a nomination for the 2013 EEAs.

Nominees: Any project, process, group, or individuals involved in a project or process that has used FHWA funding sources to make an outstanding contribution to transportation and the environment may be nominated for the 2013 EEAs.

Deadline: All entries for the 2013 EEAs are due by **Friday, February 1, 2013**. Nominations after **Friday, February 1, 2013**, will not be considered for the 2013 EEAs.

Process for Submittal: All award nominations must be submitted electronically using the on-line submission form available via the FHWA Environmental Review Toolkit website at <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/ecosystems/eea.asp>. To submit a nomination, visit <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/EEAwards>. If, for any reason, the electronic submittal of entries is not possible, faxed and mailed copies are acceptable. For more information about the submission of entries, please contact Rachel Strauss at (617) 494-2207 or rachel.strauss@dot.gov.

Award Categories

Each nomination for the 2013 EEAs must fall under at least one (1) of the following categories:

- Air Quality and Global Climate Change
- Cultural and Historical Resources

- Ecosystems, Habitat, and Wildlife
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Environmental Leadership
- Environmental Research
- Environmental Streamlining (Every Day Counts)
- Geospatial Tools, Technology, and Analysis
- Nonmotorized and Multimodal Transportation
- Programmatic Agreements
- Roadside Resource Management and Maintenance
- Wetlands, Watersheds, Water Quality, and Stormwater Management

A separate application package is required for each category under which an entry is submitted. For full descriptions of each category, please visit: <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/EEAwards>.

When applying, keep in mind:

1. Entries should fall into one of the categories listed.
2. Entries should address as many of the listed criteria as possible in their category.
3. Each entry must include a **completed application** form and a **summary** of the outstanding accomplishments of the nominated project, process, person, or group. Summaries must not exceed two typewritten pages, and the font size must be no smaller than 10 point.
4. Entries must include at least two (2) professional quality color prints showing the associated project or person(s) nominated. You may submit .jpg file submissions via the EEA website at: <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/EEAwards>.
5. Illustrations are acceptable and must include entry name and a description of the illustration.
6. Entries may be submitted in multiple categories by completing a separate application package for each category.
7. All materials submitted become the property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and may be used by the Department for its purposes. No entry materials will be returned.

Award Presentations

Information about the 2013 EEA awards ceremony is forthcoming. FHWA intends to hold an awards ceremony for 2013 EEA recipients to recognize their accomplishments.

For questions about the 2013 EEAs, please visit the 2013 EEA website at <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/EEAwards> or contact Bill Ostrum at william.f.ostrum@dot.gov or Rachel Strauss at rachel.strauss@dot.gov.