



# *Gulf Energy*<sup>®</sup> Excellence Awards

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## Nomination Kit



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## ABOUT THE AWARDS

Gulf Energy Information, the world's largest independent media company serving the energy industry, is the proud host of the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards, recognizing and celebrating cutting-edge technological developments and exceptional leadership in the industry.

This black-tie gala will bring together hundreds of upstream, midstream, and downstream innovators and industry leaders at the luxurious Post Oak Hotel in Houston, Texas, on October 9, 2024. This exclusive event features networking opportunities, entertainment, and recognition of the top performers in the industry, combining the respected *World Oil Awards*, *Hydrocarbon Processing Awards*, *Petroleum Economist Awards* and *Pipeline & Gas Journal Awards* into a SINGLE black-tie affair!

The awards will honor the best of the best in the industry, recognizing innovation and technological advancements across each market segment. Be a part of the celebration of excellence in the international energy market and join us at the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards is an international competition, boasting entries from all over the globe. It's not just for the top industry companies either – companies big and small have an opportunity of winning an award. The competition features multiple categories grouped into 6 segments, with each entry judged on its own merit, rather than against the rest.

## WHAT DO WINNERS GET?



**Trophy** – all winners receive a crystal trophy to mark their achievement



**Certificate** – finalists will be provided a certificate



**Digital Seal** – for your website, email signature, ads, etc.



**Media Recognition** – promotional campaign of your work via our social media and other channels

\* additional trophies can be ordered for team members after the award ceremony for an additional cost.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMELINE

July 12, 2024



Call for Nominations closes

August 26, 2024



Finalists announced week of August 26<sup>th</sup>.

October 9, 2024



Awards Gala at the Post Oak Hotel in Houston

## HOW TO ENTER



Submitting your nominations for the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards is incredibly straightforward thanks to the CVENT abstract management system.

### STEP 1:

Visit **e2awards.com** and click 'Submit Your Nomination Today!' from the top toolbar.

### STEP 2:

Review the six categories and determine which award aligns best with the submission you wish to prepare. The complete list of categories and awards can also be found in this kit after Award Methodology and Judges.

### STEP 3:

Click 'Submit Nomination' at the top of the screen. To submit your nomination, you are required to create an account after you click the button. If you've submitted a nomination in the past, please use your existing email address and password. If you're unable to remember your password, click 'Forgot your password?' to reset it. If you've never submitted in the CVENT system, click 'Need to create an account?' at the bottom.

### STEP 4:

Once logged into the system, complete the necessary information on the right side of your screen prior to 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, July 12, 2024**, to ensure your submission is considered for the 2024 Excellence Awards. Last-minute entries that get rejected are not eligible for resubmission. The evaluation phase of the competition starts after the submission deadline.

## PREPARING YOUR ENTRY

Once you've set up a username and password in the system, you'll need to submit the following information all at once. The system does not allow for partial entries or the ability for you to update the information later. For your convenience, please review the list of fields below that are required for a successful submission.

- **Submitter's Contact Information**
- **Topic** (Select the topic most appropriate for the submission from the drop-down menu)
- **Company Name** (Nominator)
- **Name of Technology or Individual** (Company, Technology or Individual)
- **Company Name** (Associated with Technology or Individual)
- **Describe the nominee** and/or give a description of the technology or project being entered. [2000 character limit – including space and punctuation marks]
- **Describe its/their impact on the industry** and how it/they can help to advance the industry (examples include safety, cost savings, efficiency improvements, technology advancement, etc.) [2000 character limit – including space and punctuation marks]
- **Supporting Documentation** (Accepted file formats that can be uploaded to the system to support your submission include: Word, Excel, TXT, PDF, JPG, PNG, PPT, MP4, MOV, RFT, BMP, GIF, and ZIP.)





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## AWARD METHODOLOGY AND JUDGES

Gulf Energy Information takes judging of the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards to be a serious matter. In the interest of transparency, the methodology is detailed below:

- The Awards' call for nominations is published as an advert for 4 months. E-mail alerts are also sent. The nomination deadline is on **July 12, 2024**.
- The award nominations that come in are sorted into their award category. A staff member passes the sorted category nominations to the Awards judging team made up of editorial advisors.
- The judging team, independently of each other, read each of the submissions and decide if it:
  - Meets the criteria of the category
  - Is a technology/product or initiative that is new in the last 12 months
  - How worthy it is of being a finalist.
    - The Awards judging team grade each submission 1 to 10 (10 being the most suitable for the finalist list)
    - The first stage judges pass on the top five nominations for each category, unless the total nominations exceed fifteen in which case six go on to the second stage or if there are less than five entries all nominations go on to the second stage of judging.
    - While the Awards judging team are making the finalist selections, an e-mail goes out to the advisory board (second stage judges) asking them to select which categories of awards they are able to judge. They cannot judge a category in which their employer is a finalist.
- The advisory board members are made up of industry experts from the field and academia. A staff member sends a packet of the finalist selections to each advisory board member for each award they have selected to judge.
- With attention to confidentiality, the awards submissions returned are rated 1 to 10; a staff member sorts the information, notes the winners, and prepares the information for the Gala dinner and supplement.
- In the unlikely event of a tie following the second stage judging, the tie will be broken by an impartial industry expert.

To protect the impartiality of the advisory board members who judge the final winners, their names have been excluded from the Awards website.

*"I've seen firsthand how important recognizing excellence in the energy sector is. These awards celebrate the movers and shakers in our field, pushing boundaries and driving change. Seeing passionate individuals and companies from the energy sector come together to share their groundbreaking ideas and solutions was truly inspiring. It's a place where out-of-the-box thinking takes center stage, and I thrive on that!"*

*Considering a nomination? Do it! It's a fantastic way to spotlight your efforts, connect with like-minded innovators, and inspire others. Let's light up the energy world together!"*

– Adam Murray, Vice President, WeldFit



## TECHNOLOGY AWARDS



**Best Catalyst Technology:** This award recognizes the best implementation and innovative use of catalyst technology for an improved product.

**Best Petrochemical Technology:** This award recognizes advancements in process technologies within the petrochemicals sector.

**Best Refining Technology:** This award recognizes advancements in process technologies within the refining sector.

**Best Digital Transformation – Upstream, Midstream, Downstream:** The award recognizes the importance of digital transformation solutions in the areas of integration, automation, data management and collaboration.

**Best Completions Technology:** This award recognizes the leading solution that provided a substantial impact on the industry's completions. These include innovation, reliability, commercial application, and industry impact.

**Best Deepwater Technology:** This award recognizes significant technology in the area of drilling completions & production in deep water. This is the best innovative technology applicable to deep water applications.

**Best Oilfield Fluids and Chemicals:** This award recognizes an innovative drilling, completion or production fluid or an additive or chemical that was introduced commercially within the last year. This category includes stimulation or treatment chemicals for production enhancement.

**Best Drilling Technology:** This award will go to the company which executed an industry-leading effort during the year that had a significant impact on the industry through drilling innovation either onshore or offshore.

**Best EOR Technology:** This award category recognizes all types of secondary and tertiary recovery used to assist the production from oil and gas wells.

**Best Exploration Technology:** This award is given to the leading acquisition technology or algorithm/processing technology introduced during the year.

**Best Production Technology:** This award recognizes a newly introduced production program or solution utilized during the year that allowed an operator to effectively manage and maximize production.

**Best Pipeline Integrity Technology:** This award is for the application of operational, organizational, and technical solutions to reduce the risk of incidents and flow interruptions.

**Best Coating/Corrosion Advancement Technology:** This award recognizes an advancement made during the year in coating and corrosion prevention that extends the life and safety of infrastructure.

**Best Advancement in Maintenance Technology – Midstream:** A pipeline-related technological innovation in maintenance, employed during the year, that advances efficiencies, cuts costs or improves safety.

**Innovation in Pipeline Engineering – Midstream:** A pipeline-related engineering design solution that was employed during the year and saves money, advances methodology or improves other efficiencies.

**Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology:** (all streams) The best use of controls, instrumentation, or automation to optimize operations, safety and/or profitability, whether that be on a drill rig or production platform, pipeline, or hydrocarbon processing facility (refinery, petrochemical or gas processing/LNG plant).

**Modeling Technology:** This award recognizes the best use of modeling/simulation software to optimize plant design and/or engineering for increased safety, efficiency and/or profitability.



## CORPORATE AWARDS



**Operator of the Year:** Upstream, Midstream, Downstream: This award recognizes operator achievement in all areas of the oil and gas industry in various aspects of operation, including safety, profitability, production, and sustainability, among others.

**Large-cap Energy Firm of the Year (Market capitalization of \$10bn+):** A flag-bearer for the industry, showing adaptability, strategic excellence, smart use of capital, continuous innovation, and a commitment to safety.



**Mid/Small-cap Energy Firm of the Year (Market capitalization of <\$10bn):** A flag-bearer for the industry, showing adaptability, strategic excellence, smart use of capital, continuous innovation, and a commitment to safety.



**Lifetime Achievement – Upstream, Midstream, Downstream:** This award honors an individual in each industry sector who has made both significant strides and impacted the oil and gas industry throughout their career and whose individual legacy continues to have an impact.

**Most Promising Engineer – Upstream, Midstream, Downstream:** This award recognizes individuals working in the engineering field for five (5) years or less, showing promise as future oil and gas industry leaders.

**Energy Advisory of the Year:** A professional advisory company serving the energy industry, such as a consultancy or advisory firm or accountancy that has delivered material strategic or operational advice, demonstrable improvement in client performance and boasts a competitive edge.

**Energy Legal Services Provider of the Year:** A legal firm offering services and advice to clients in the energy sector that anticipates and solves problems, executes flawlessly, and goes beyond being just a lawyer.

**DE&I in Energy:** This award will recognize a company that is adopting a systematic, business-led approach to diversity, equity and inclusion within their organization, and created long-lasting programs to encourage and ensure an inclusive culture.

## PEOPLE AWARDS

**Energy Leader of the Year:** An individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their organization and field, demonstrating excellent leadership and ambassadorial skills, making a demonstrable impact to the bottom-line and has shown creativity and developed talent.

**Best Outreach Program:** One of the greatest challenges confronting the energy industry is educating the younger generation about its value and impact on society. This award spotlights a program that has done the best job of teaching the general community about the energy industry.





## PROJECT AWARDS

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*“The Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards allowed us to personally meet and interact with innovators in various categories of our industry, as well as reach out to many networking contacts that can leverage future business opportunities.”*

*– Cleveland Jones, Researcher, Fronteira Energia Ltda.*

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**CCS/CCUS Project of the Year:** This award recognizes an advancement made during the year in the area of carbon capture, use and storage, recognizing technical progress, development and innovation in the field.

**Energy Project of the Year – Upstream, Midstream, Downstream:**

This award recognizes the best in capital projects in the upstream, midstream, and downstream sectors and focuses on significance, safety, and best practices.

**Hydrogen Project of the Year:** This award recognizes the best in capital projects in the production and consumption of low-carbon hydrogen, with a focus on significance, innovation and collaboration.

## HSE AWARD

**Best Health, Safety or Environmental contribution – Upstream, Midstream, Downstream:**

This award is presented to a company that has made significant strides in protecting and enhancing the environment where it operates. Whether through technical innovations, implementation of new standards and processes, or introduction of social and economic development efforts, the winner of this category in each of the industry sectors will have a program that made a marked improvement in an HSE/ sustainable development endeavor.

## PETROLEUM ECONOMIST 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

**Energy Changemaker:** This award will recognize an individual who has made a lasting, impactful, and positive change to the energy industry, not just over the past year, but over a minimum of 5 years.

**Energy Icon:** This award recognizes an individual who has been a leading voice and wielded significant influence over the industry, not just over the past year, but over a minimum of 10 years.





# WINNERS FROM 2023 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The 2023 Excellence Awards awarded finalists in 43 categories, encompassing the full breadth of the energy industry. Today's innovations, many of which would have seemed far-fetched a generation ago, are enabling operators to find and produce hydrocarbons more safely, economically, and efficiently. A complete list of the 2023 categories and winners is as follows:



**Best Advancement in Maintenance Technology – Midstream:** ReCAP Emissions Reduction System™ – WeldFit

**Best Catalyst Technology:** The ECAD™ Platform for Dual Catalyst Systems – ART Hydroprocessing

**Best Completions Technology:** Freedom Series Completion System – Downing Wellhead Equipment

**CCS/CCUS/Carbon Removal Project of the Year:** Glacier Carbon Capture Facility – Entropy, Inc.

**Best Coating/Corrosion Advancement Technology:** Honeywell Corrosion Predict® Crude – Honeywell

**Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology – Upstream:** Intelligent Power Management – SLB

**Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology – Downstream:** Experion® PKS Highly Integrated Virtual Environment (HIVE) – Honeywell Process Solutions

**Best Deepwater Technology:** EarthStar® X Near-bit, Shallow and Ultra-deep Resistivity Service – Halliburton

**Best Drilling Technology:** Red Zone Robotics (RZR) Rig Floor Automation Module – Canrig Drilling Technologies

**DE&I in Energy:** South Ghawar Producing Department Energy Management Team “EnMT” – Saudi Aramco

**Best Digital Transformation – Upstream:** FLOCO® (Field Layout Concept Optimizer) – Repsol Sinopec Brasil, Shell Brasil, ExxonMobil and Deep Seed Solutions

**Best Digital Transformation – Midstream:** Sales Gas Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Tool (SMART) – Saudi Aramco and Emerson

**Best Digital Transformation – Downstream:** Additive Manufacturing Successful Scale-up in Yanbu Refinery – Saudi Aramco

**Energy Advisory of the Year:** The United States Energy Association (USEA)

**Energy Legal Services Provider of the Year:** Bracewell LLP

**Best EOR Technology:** SmartWater Flooding – A Sustainable EOR Technology – Saudi Aramco

**Best Exploration Technology:** Automated Lithology – SLB

**Best Outreach Program:** Energy Venture Camp – Shell USA

**Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution – Upstream:** Articulating HSE Strategies Through an Integrative Systematic Model – Saudi Aramco

**Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution – Midstream:** AI-powered vision for improving monitoring, safety, environmental and operational performance in the oil and gas industry – IntelliView Technologies Inc.

**Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution – Downstream:** Situational Awareness Platform – CYBERNETIX

**Large-cap Energy Firm of the Year:** Reliance Industries Limited

**Mid/Small-cap Energy Firm of the Year:** Nabors Industries

**Innovation in Pipeline Engineering – Midstream:** Dual Power Source System – Dual Drive Technologies

**Best Modeling Technology:** Imubit's Closed Loop Neural Network™ Platform – Imubit

**Best Oilfield Fluids and Chemicals:** EcoShield geopolymer cement-free system – SLB

**Best Petrochemical Technology:** Lummus' Net Zero Cracker – Lummus Technology

**Best Pipeline Integrity Technology:** SmartPipe® Replacement of Pipeline in Roanoke County, VA – Enbridge, Inc

**Best Production Technology:** Active Seat Gate Valve – Oil States

**Best Refining Technology:** Polynaphtha™ – Axens

**Energy Project of the Year – Upstream:** Co-Producing Geothermal Power from Reservoirs – FutEra Power

**Energy Project of the Year – Midstream:** Hydrocarbon Transport Segment – Cenit Transporte y Logística de Hidrocarburos

**Energy Project of the Year – Downstream:** S-OIL Shaheen Crude-to-Chemicals Complex – S-OIL, Aramco, and Lummus Technology

**Most Promising Engineer – Upstream:** Dr. Shannon L. Eichmann – Aramco Americas

**Most Promising Engineer – Midstream:** Dr. Kshama Roy – DNV

**Most Promising Engineer – Downstream:** Bianca Ulrich – Lummus Technology

**Lifetime Achievement – Upstream:** Dr. Anuj Gupta – Aramco Americas

**Lifetime Achievement – Midstream:** Dr. Thomas Bubenik – DNV

**Lifetime Achievement – Downstream:** Dr. Rakshvir Jasra – Reliance Industries Limited

**Energy Leader of the Year:** Nasir K. Al-Naimi – Saudi Aramco

**Operator of the Year – Upstream:** Equinor

**Operator of the Year – Midstream:** Enbridge

**Operator of the Year:** ExxonMobil



## EVENT FAQ'S



### 1. WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

The deadline is 11:59pm Central on **Friday, July 12, 2024.**

### 2. WHEN WILL THE LIST OF FINALISTS BE ANNOUNCED?

The finalists will be announced the week of **August 26, 2024.**

### 3. WHEN IS THE AWARD CEREMONY TAKING PLACE?

The Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**, in Houston, Texas at the Post Oak Hotel.

### 4. CAN I EMAIL YOU MY SUBMISSION RATHER THAN SUBMITTING THROUGH THE WEBSITE?

All entries must be submitted online via our CVENT platform. The link to the platform is available on our website.

### 5. IS THERE A LIMIT ON HOW MANY NOMINATIONS I CAN SUBMIT?

No, there is no limit on the number of unique projects/people you can submit for consideration, the project/person should not be submitted across multiple categories. If the same project/person is submitted across multiple categories, Gulf Energy Information staff will reach out to the submitter to clarify which category they wish to be considered while additional, identical submissions will be removed from the system and will not be considered for grading.

If you have further questions, please contact [Karen.Francis@GulfEnergyInfo.com](mailto:Karen.Francis@GulfEnergyInfo.com).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All entries for the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards 2024 must involve work(s) carried out or still ongoing during the period of July 2023 through July 2024 unless stated differently in the description. Work that has been produced specifically for the awards will not be accepted.
2. All examples submitted must be an accurate representation of the original and must not be altered in any way to affect the judge's decision.
3. Communications/PR agencies or consultancies may also enter work produced on behalf of a client – but the client's name will be accepted as the entrant in this case.
4. Entries received without a fully completed entry form may be deemed invalid and not submitted to the awards judging panel.
5. Gulf Energy Information accepts no responsibility for entries that are not received, delayed, incomplete or are lost due to a technical problem.
6. Gulf Energy Information reserves the right to withdraw an entry from the judging process at any time if the entry does not meet the criteria or the entry is deemed inappropriate for any reason. In such circumstances the decision of Gulf Energy Information's judging panel is final.
7. Gulf Energy Information reserves the right to withdraw a category and cancel the award if an insufficient number of entries have been received or quality of entries do not meet the criteria or the entries are deemed inappropriate for any reason.
8. Gulf Energy Information reserves the right to use entry logos around the Awards marketing, promotion, and in any relevant materials.
9. The submitter who created the application on the nomination platform will be the person contacted by Gulf Energy Information if the submission is selected as a finalist or for any other administrative reason.

# SPONSORSHIP AND TABLE OPPORTUNITIES



Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards as a sponsor and position your company as a leader in the energy industry.

## Targeted Marketing Exposure

Sponsoring the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards offers your company targeted exposure to an influential audience of industry professionals and decision-makers, allowing you to connect with potential clients and partners.

## Positive Brand Association

By sponsoring the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards, your brand becomes associated with innovation, sustainability, and excellence, which can enhance your brand image and help position your organization as an industry leader.

## Customized Sponsorship Opportunities

The Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards offer various sponsorship packages that can be tailored to meet your organization's unique marketing objectives and budget requirements, ensuring that your sponsorship delivers maximum ROI.

## Showcase Sector Progress

Your sponsorship of the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards helps highlight the significant advancements made within the energy industry, raising awareness of technological innovations and sustainable practices among the wider global community.

## Media Amplification

Partnering with the Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards can boost your organization's presence, as your brand will be promoted in all communications and associated media, reaching a wider audience of industry professionals and potential clients.

## Strengthen Reputation

Your organization will be associated with the prestigious Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards, enhancing your company's reputation as a key supporter of industry excellence and responsible practices.



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## ABOUT GULF ENERGY INFORMATION

**Gulf Energy<sup>i</sup>** Gulf Energy Information (Gulf) empowers employees to deliver premium technical and business content, as well as market intelligence solutions, to the global energy and infrastructure industries through trusted engagement. For more than 100 years, Gulf's quality content and commitment to audience needs has led our company to become the most trusted resource in B2B media for the industries we serve. Our market-leading brands—*Petroleum Economist*, *World Oil*, *Pipeline & Gas Journal*, *Hydrocarbon Processing*, *Gas Processing & LNG*, *H2Tech*, *Hydrogen Economist*, *Carbon Economist* and *Underground Infrastructure*—serve their markets with real-time content through digital media and in-person/virtual events. Gulf also provides market intelligence solutions to the global energy industry through Global Energy Infrastructure and the Construction Boxscore Database.

**World Oil<sup>®</sup>** *World Oil*, established in 1916 as The Oil Weekly, is the leading technical publication for upstream professionals. For more than 100 years, *World Oil* has provided readers with global coverage of the latest information and technological advances relating to the exploration, drilling, completion and production of offshore and onshore oil and gas.

**HYDROCARBON PROCESSING<sup>®</sup>** Since 1922, management and technical professionals from petroleum refining, gas processing, petrochemical/chemical and engineer/constructor companies throughout the world have turned to *Hydrocarbon Processing* for high-quality technical and operating information.

### Petroleum Economist

*Petroleum Economist* has been the leading industry guide to energy since 1934, giving you the intelligence behind the headlines shaping oil and gas markets. Our truly global coverage of regulations, policy, corporate developments and supply and demand fundamentals, delivers the latest insights and analysis to senior executives and strategists across the sector. *Petroleum Economist* will always keep you up to date with the latest insight and analysis of oil and gas markets.

**Pipeline & Gas Journal** Since 1859, *Pipeline & Gas Journal* has been the essential resource for technology and trends in the midstream industry focusing on pipeline and natural gas distribution; written and edited to be of service to those involved in moving, marketing, and managing hydrocarbons from the wellhead to the ultimate consumer.

### Carbon Economist

*Carbon Economist* is a global digital-only channel of interest to leaders in the oil and gas sector as well as renewable energy developers and all energy transition stakeholders. From the outset, the readership is drawn from operators, engineering and services, government, finance, consultancies, law firms and academia—with a firm bias towards the C-suite, senior management and partner level.

### GAS PROCESSING & LNG

*Gas Processing & LNG* is the first publication devoted solely to technology and trends in the global gas processing industry. Published bimonthly, *Gas Processing & LNG* focuses on midstream gas processing, pipelines, NGL, LNG and GTL. The publication provides access to professionals actively involved in the gas processing industry.

### H2TECH

As the hydrogen economy and infrastructure expands for fuel, chemical and industrial applications, the industry needs a comprehensive, technical publication for the engineering and scientific communities. Through a quarterly technology journal for the hydrogen sector, *H2Tech* is designed to offer in-depth, front-line examination of issues and opportunities facing the hydrogen industry.

### Hydrogen Economist

*Hydrogen Economist* is a global digital-only channel of interest to leaders in the oil and gas sector as well as all stakeholders involved in the burgeoning hydrogen economy. From the outset, the readership is drawn from operators, engineering and services, government, finance, consultancies, law firms and academia—with a firm bias towards the C-suite, senior management, and partner level.