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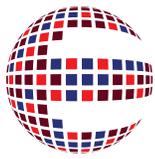


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2026 Nomination Kit

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Gulf Energyⁱ Excellence Awards

October 15, 2026 | The Post Oak Hotel | Houston, TX

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 15, 2026. This exclusive event features networking opportunities and recognition of the top performers in the industry. The awards will honor the best of the best in the industry, recognizing innovation and

technological advancements across Upstream, Midstream and Downstream. 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 five segments, with each entry judged on its own merit, rather than against the rest.

WINNERS AND FINALISTS RECEIVE



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



Certificate – finalists will be provided a certificate



Licensed Digital Seal – Official award seal available for licensed purchase and use in marketing materials.



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

June 30, 2026



Call for
Nominations
closes

July 28, 2026



Finalists
announced

October 15, 2026



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 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 **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**, to ensure your submission is considered for the 2026 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) Carefully proof the name. If the entry becomes a finalist or winner, this is how it will be promoted.
- **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 three months. E-mail alerts are also sent. The nomination deadline is on **June 30, 2026**.
- 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.

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“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

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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 (all streams): 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 Pipeline Rehabilitation Technology: This award recognizes a technology advancement in the structural repair or renewal of existing gas and energy pipelines that extends asset life and enhances operational reliability. This category excludes monitoring, inspection, or integrity management technologies.

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 (all streams): 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.

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.

Excellence in Corporate Culture: This award recognizes a company implementing strategic initiatives that foster employee growth, engagement, and organizational cohesion while driving business performance through talent development and innovative workplace practices.

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.

Technology Licensor of the Year – Downstream & Midstream: This award recognizes the latest processing technologies within the refining, petrochemicals and/or gas processing/LNG industries. It will be awarded to the licensor that has led in different aspects of processing technologies, including contract awards, innovative technologies, significant milestones, among others.

PEOPLE AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement: Honors an individual whose career-long contributions have significantly shaped and advanced the energy industry. This award recognizes sustained leadership, innovation, and influence over decades, resulting in a lasting legacy.

Most Promising Engineer (all streams): This award recognizes emerging talent with 5 or fewer years of experience in the field who demonstrate exceptional potential to become future leaders in the oil and gas industry.

Energy Leader of the Year: Recognizes an individual who demonstrated exceptional leadership and delivered measurable impact during the 2025–2026 eligibility period. This award honors strategic decision-making, organizational influence, and results achieved within the past year that advanced their company and the broader energy industry.





PROJECT AWARDS

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 (all streams): 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 (all streams): 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.



WINNERS FROM 2025 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Best Advancement in Maintenance Technology

Inlet Integrity Program – Nalco Water, an Ecolab Company

Best Catalyst Technology

Innovative Chromium-Free HySat™ Catalyst Platform for Hydrogenation Processes – Clariant AG International

Best Completions Technology

CoilFUSE™ – Segmented CT System for Ultra-Reach Laterals – NOV

CCS/CCUS/Carbon Removal Project of the Year

Oil States CCS Netherlands Project – Oil States

Best Coating/Corrosion Advancement Technology

Heat-Flex® AEB – Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine

Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology (Upstream)

Hummingbird™ all electric-land cementing unit – Baker Hughes

Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology (Midstream)

Full Autonomous Operation of Crude Oil Plant – Saudi Aramco

Best Controls, Instrumentation, Automation Technology (Downstream)

Integrated Electrical Automation and Energy Management System – Reliance Industries Limited

Best Deepwater Technology

Well Radar™ ranging and interception services – SLB

Best Drilling Technology

Stream™ high-speed intelligent telemetry – SLB

Excellence in Corporate Culture

WeLead – Building future leaders through Mentoring – SLB

Best Digital Transformation (Upstream)

Automated Drilling Mud Report Using Generative AI – NOV

Best Digital Transformation (Midstream)

PipeTest HydroView – PipeSense, LLC

Best Digital Transformation (Downstream) – TIE

Electrical Equipment Performance Management (EPPM) Digital Platform – Reliance Industries Limited
Operations Copilot – Saudi Aramco

Energy Legal Services Provider of the Year

White & Case

Best EOR Technology

Magnetically enhanced oil recovery – Saudi Aramco

Best Exploration Technology

OnWave™ Autonomous Logging Platform – SLB

Best Outreach Program

Summer Training Program for High School Students – SASREF

Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution (Upstream)

VIGILANCE™ Intelligent Safety and Surveillance Solution – Expro

Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution (Midstream)

Mitigating Gas Flaring at Oil Producing Facilities – Saudi Aramco

Best Health, Safety or Environmental Contribution (Downstream)

Risk Pulse – Reliance Industries Limited

Innovation in Pipeline Engineering (Midstream)

Remote Operated Inline Isolation Tool – Pipeline Ultraisolation Group (PLUG)

Technology Licensor of the Year

Lummus Technology

Best Modeling Technology

Scalable Earth Modeling – Halliburton Landmark

Best Oilfield Fluids and Chemicals

OpenPath Flex™: Breaking barriers in Carbonate Stimulation with optimized efficiency – SLB

Best Petrochemical Technology

EDHOX™ Technology – Linde Engineering and Clariant Corporation

Best Pipeline Integrity Technology

High-fidelity Distributed Sensing (HDS™) for pipeline monitoring – Hifi

Best Production Technology

FloTrac™ Ultrahigh-Resolution Nanoparticle Tracers – QuantumPro, Inc. in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) FORGE Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Project

Best Refining Technology

CDDME for Renewable Dimethyl Ether Production – Lummus Technology

Energy Project of the Year (Upstream)

Ruby FPSO Deepwater Operations – Reliance Industries Limited

Energy Project of the Year (Midstream)

SPM (Single Point Mooring) Valeria – Cenit Transporte y Logística de Hidrocarburos

Energy Project of the Year (Downstream)

Acelen – KBC (A Yokogawa Company)

Hydrogen Project of the Year

Neoform H2 – Aramco Americas

Most Promising Engineer (Upstream)

Fatimah H. AlNasser – Saudi Aramco

Most Promising Engineer (Midstream)

Ramprasad Kamisetty – Flowchem LLC

Most Promising Engineer (Downstream)

Alexis Shackelford – BASF Corporation

Lifetime Achievement (Upstream)

Ronald R. Johnson – ExxonMobil

Lifetime Achievement (Midstream)

Keith Leewis PhD – Leewis and Associates

Lifetime Achievement (Downstream)

Bipin V. Vora – Honeywell (retired)

Energy Leader of the Year

Muhammad Arsalan – Saudi Aramco

Operator of the Year

ExxonMobil – Operator of the Year Upstream
Williams Companies – Operator of the Year Midstream
Saudi Aramco – Operator of the Year Downstream

EVENT FAQ'S

1. WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

The deadline is 11:59pm Central on **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**.

2. WHEN WILL THE LIST OF FINALISTS BE ANNOUNCED?

The finalists will be announced the week of **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**.

3. WHEN IS THE AWARD CEREMONY TAKING PLACE?

The Gulf Energy Information Excellence Awards is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, October 15, 2026**, in Houston, Texas at the Post Oak Hotel.

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

To be date and time stamped, all nominations must be submitted online at E2Awards.com.

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

No. There is no fee or limit on unique submissions. Each project or individual may only be entered in one category. Duplicate entries across categories will not be considered.

If you have further questions, please contact Karen.Francis@GulfEnergyInfo.com.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Entries must reflect work carried out or ongoing between July 2025 and July 2026, unless otherwise specified in the category description. Work created solely for award submission is not eligible. Submissions for new technologies, projects, or enhancements must clearly state the date of market introduction or significant enhancement.
2. Submitted materials must accurately represent the original work and may not be altered to influence judging.
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.



“The Gulf Energy Awards provided a platform for Industry professionals to appreciate the breadth of exciting progress made across different fronts in the Oil & Gas industry across the globe.”

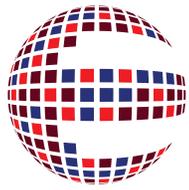
- Faraaz Adil, Sr. Product Manager, Halliburton



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ABOUT GULF ENERGY INFORMATION

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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.