INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Southeastern Electric Exchange

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Rates & Regulation

2020 SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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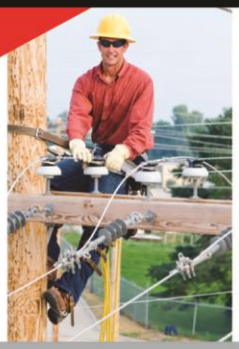

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2020 Awards Program Entry Information

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Background

Southeastern Electric Exchange's Industry Excellence Awards Program provides member companies with an opportunity to receive industry recognition for their success in implementing projects. While all projects are already recognized for their success by their respective companies, S.E.E. industry experts evaluate and identify a select few for special recognition at Annual Conference each year.

Last year, 10 companies submitted 37 project entries for award consideration. Industry Excellence Award judges were very pleased with the continued quality of projects that were submitted. It provided them with a great challenge to select the top project in each of the award categories.

Southeastern Electric Exchange would like to thank the following companies for submitting entries in late 2018 for the 2019 awards program:

Alabama Power
Baltimore Gas & Electric
Dominion Energy
Entergy
Entergy Services
Florida Power & Light
Oklahoma Gas & Electric
PECO Energy
PPL Electric Utilities
South Carolina Electric & Gas

Please consider the various projects your organization has already completed or will be completing by the end of *2019* and review the **Contest Rules** and the **Awards Criteria**. Develop an entry that addresses all award criteria areas and meets the minimum requirements for consideration.

All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in S.E.E.'s office in Atlanta, Georgia.

If you have any questions or need any additional guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me or our staff prior to entry deadline. Thank you in advance for your award entry and best wishes to you, your project team and company in the coming year!

Anita M. Wilson

Assistant Director

Southeastern Electric Exchange, Inc.

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PROJECT AWARD CRITERIA CATEGORIES

Rates & Regulation Category

Project descriptions should adequately address these five criteria categories.

30% - Achievement

Provide goals or expected results of the rates and regulatory project or program and indicate what results were achieved. State what obstacles were encountered and how they were overcome or met. Provide quantifiable improvements achieved in comparison to the previous year. Provide any additional achievements that have been realized and worthy to note.

20% - Innovation

Describe how this program or project is original, promotes change, demonstrates improvement and pursues excellence in any or all of the following areas.

- Applications
- Design
- Operations
- Process

20% - Improvements

Describe what improvements were achieved in current performance or standards in any or all of the following areas. Summarize how these were planned or stated in the original goals or expected results and describe how they were incorporated into the design process.

- Cost Savings (Productivity Enhancement)
- Customer Service
- Process Improvement
- Revenue Producing
- Standards Change (Proposed)

20% - Requirements

Describe how the requirements or expectations of any of the following groups were met or exceeded by this program or project. Describe how and to what extent stakeholders have benefitted from the program or project.

- Company
- Employee
- Industry
- Public
- Regulator

10% - Technical Complexity

Describe the relative complexity of this program or project. Provide information on how and why the program or project would be viewed as technically complex.

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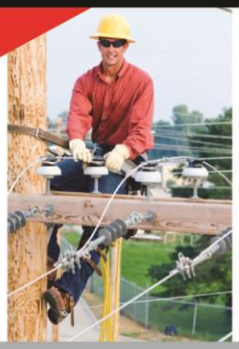

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CONTEST RULES

1. Entries must address all of the criteria for the respective category entered.
2. Entries may be submitted anytime during the year up to the deadline.
3. Entries must be received at the S.E.E. office no later than **Wednesday, December 4, 2019.**
4. Entries must be submitted in duplicate hard copy (two complete and identical copies) along with an electronic copy on flash drive (or CD). The flash drive (or CD) should contain Completed Entry Form, Executive Summary and Description as Word documents, as well as photos or any other supporting files).
5. Only S.E.E. member companies are eligible to submit an entry.
6. No project or part of a project which has previously been a winner may be submitted.
7. Only projects or new programs that were fully implemented or completed in 2018 or will be fully implemented or completed in 2019 are eligible (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019).
8. Previously submitted projects which did not win, may be resubmitted if they are still applicable under Contest Rule # 7.
9. Entries must be for actual programs or projects that have been fully implemented or completed. No “proposed” programs or projects will be accepted.
10. Entries must detail programs or projects initiated by the submitting member company. These programs or projects must be the result of work performed by member company personnel. While some supplemental work (such as environmental impact, construction labor, etc.) may be done by consultants or contractors, it is the intent that this award honor work primarily performed by member company personnel rather than cases where member company personnel acted as a project manager.
11. An entry may be submitted in one category only. Submission of the same entry in multiple categories is not permitted.
12. Projects submitted via email will not be accepted.

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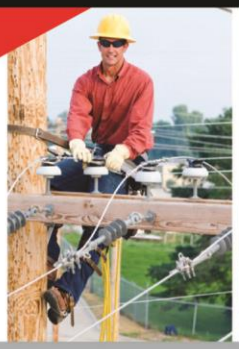

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HOW TO ENTER

PROJECT FORMAT

1. The project entry is to be presented using the **2020 S.E.E. Industry Excellence Awards Project Summary Form** (6 page Word document enclosed).
2. The entire Project Summary Form should be single-sided (printed on one-side of page only).
3. Use 1.25 inch margins all around page.
4. Use Arial 11-point font.
5. The 2020 Awards Entry Form should appear as the cover of the Project Summary Form.
6. All entries must include the following:
   a) **The 2020 AWARDS ENTRY FORM** (included as last page of this package; or available as a downloadable Word document at https://theexchange.org/awards.html).
   b) **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** of the program or project – not to exceed one page – appropriate for distribution to general public. Complete on page 1 of 6 on Project Summary Forms. *Note: should your project be among the winning entries, S.E.E. will publish and distribute this executive summary along with other winning entries.*
   c) **PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS** on separate form pages for each award criteria area, not to exceed five (5) pages, including *Achievement, Innovation, Improvements, Requirements and Technical Complexity*. The Project Descriptions should elaborate on how the program or project meets the Project Awards Criteria and provide a clear description of the involvement of the member company in the program or project. Complete on pages 2 of 6 on Project Summary Forms.
   d) **OPTIONAL:** Each entry **MAY** include up to eight (8) supporting documents, including:
      (1) Video (limited to ten minutes) – only one per entry – submit on a Flash Drive (or CD).
      (2) PowerPoint file of up to 20 slides – only one PPT file per entry – submit on a Flash Drive (or CD).
      (3) Engineering drawings, sketches, tables, charts, calculations – formatted up to 2 per page*
      (4) Pamphlets or brochures – only one per entry.*
      (5) Photographs – up to 20 – formatted up to two per page.*

**Hard copies not required. These may be submitted electronically on a Flash Drive (or CD).*

PROJECT SUBMISSION

Send two (2) complete hard copies with (2) complete copies of all attachments as well as (1) Flash Drive (or CD) containing all project documents as described above to the address below by or before ***Wednesday, December 4, 2019*.**

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FOR WINNING ENTRIES ONLY

MATERIALS FOR CEREMONY VIDEO MONTAGE – FOR WINNING ENTRIES ONLY

Should your program or project be selected for recognition at the 2020 Annual Conference & Trade Show, S.E.E. will require the following materials be provided **no later than March 13, 2020**. These materials will be used to produce the Ceremony Video that will be shown at the General Session on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. The video program consists of a professional voiceover which describes your project, while representative project visuals are projected on screen and accompanied by your recommended music selection.

Please provide the following to S.E.E. on a Flash Drive (or CD) no later than Friday, March 13, 2020.

1. **Brief Project Description for Voiceover** – A brief summary of your program or project (about 4-5 lines or 30 seconds for spoken text) that focuses on challenges, accomplishments, and benefits of the completed project. This will be read by a professional voiceover artist as the project visuals are projected on screen.

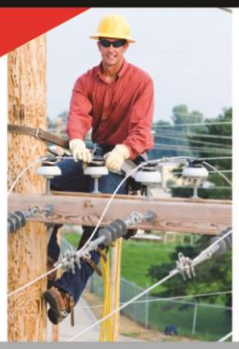
2. **Project Visuals** – Up to 20 individual photos, charts, diagrams, animations or videos that would visually portray your project to the audience as the voiceover is being read. Make sure that your non-photo/video items are more high level (overview) in nature. Visuals will be on screen for just seconds and the goal is to have the audience see as many informative highlights of the winning projects as possible.

   Acceptable Formats for Project Visuals include:

   - Resolution: minimum of 1920x1080 dpi
   - Video: High Definition video preferred but will accept any digital video format.
   - Photos/Art: TIF, JPEG, EPS, Illustrator, etc.

3. **Team Photos** – photo(s) of the actual team involved in making this project happen as well as a photo(s) of the persons accepting the award.

4. **Preferred Music** – have a song that you think fits your project? Feel free to suggest it; otherwise the producer will make the needed selections.



EXPECTATIONS OF WINNERS AND RECOGNITION

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1. At least one team member must be present at the General Session of the 2020 S.E.E. Annual Conference and Trade Show (**Wednesday, June 24, 2020 ~ Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine, TX**) to accept the Award and represent their company and team for the winning project. To assist companies with providing representation, S.E.E. provides two complimentary conference registrations for each award winning project. Other team members are welcome to attend and should pre-register at the published S.E.E. Member conference registration fee.

2. A team member from each winning project should be available to give a presentation (if requested) during the corresponding breakout session at the 2020 S.E.E. Annual Conference and Trade Show. Breakout sessions take place on Thursday (June 25th) and Friday (June 26th) of the conference.

3. S.E.E. will utilize the materials submitted with winning projects for the Video Montage (as described above) that will be produced and presented at the General Session. S.E.E.'s goal is to visually present winning projects in the best way possible and we rely on the information project winners provide us.

RECOGNITION

1. **S.E.E. provides two (2) Complimentary Conference Registrations for each award winning project.** If additional award recipients plan attend the conference, standard registration fees will apply.

2. One award will be presented for each winning project during the General Session of the 2020 S.E.E. Annual Conference and Trade Show.

3. A professional video montage that highlights each winning project will be produced and shown during the 2020 S.E.E. Annual Conference and Trade Show.

4. The Executive Summary and project photos (or other descriptive visual) of each winning project will be included in a series of IE Award Winning Projects standing banners that will be on display at the 2020 S.E.E. Annual Conference and Trade Show.

5. A professional photo session will be held on-site at the conference. A link to the photos will be made available after the conference for personal use or in company newsletters, trade publications, etc.

6. Logo lapel pins will be provided for all team members named on the Entry Form of each winning project.

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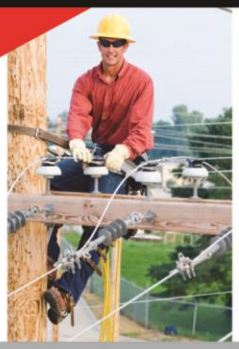

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. S.E.E. will acknowledge, via email, receipt of all entries by December 20, 2019.

2. S.E.E. will review entries for adherence to submission criteria and rules of entry. Entries not meeting requirements will not be accepted for competition.

3. Winning programs or projects will be awarded one award inscribed with the project title, category, company name, and the names of the individuals involved in the project as listed on the originally submitted entry form. S.E.E. will not be responsible for the cost of replacement to add or change names omitted from or incorrectly submitted on original entry form.

4. Winners will have the opportunity to order additional copies of the award at its base cost plus shipping.

5. Entries will not be returned to the person or company submitting them.

6. Contest judges are selected by S.E.E. in consultation with the current chairmen of the Engineering and Operations Executive Committee.

7. S.E.E. reserves the right to use and/or republish executive summaries, photographs or other content.