National Tribal Water Systems Programs



Nominations Requested for TRIBAL OPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2023 AWARD

Attention Tribal Water and Wastewater Professionals:

Have you noticed a water/wastewater operator working in Indian Country...

- Going above and beyond their assigned job duties?
- Lending support to a co-worker or staff member?
- Providing assistance to another utility?
- Volunteering in the community?
- Going the extra mile in any form?

Here is your chance to acknowledge and celebrate their efforts and hard work. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) is requesting nominations for the 2023 Tribal Water/Wastewater Operator of the Year Award.

Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination to show appreciation for the quality and integrity of the work done by an operator of a Tribal water or wastewater system that is located within the ITCA National Tribal Water Systems Programs service area, which includes USEPA Regions 5 through 10. Nominations should be submitted by those who have personally witnessed the great work of the operator being nominated.

How to Nominate an Operator

Complete the attached *Nomination Form* and return it to ITCA either by:

- Email: <u>Anisa.Garcia@itcaonline.com</u>
- **Fax**: (602) 258-4825, or
- Mail: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER SYSTEMS PROGRAMS Attention: Anisa Garcia 2214 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004

The deadline for submitting nominations is July 12, 2023.

All nominees will be recognized at the Award Ceremony on September 14, 2023.

For more information, contact the ITCA National Tribal Water Systems Programs.

2023 Tribal Water/Wastewater Operator of the Year Award NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for submitting nominations is July 12, 2023.

(Please print legibly or type)

| (A) <u>CANDIDATE / NOMINEE NAME</u> : | |
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| (First) | (Last) |
| Title/Position: | |
| Utility Program/Orga | zation: |
| Tribal Nation: | |
| Business Address: | |
| | (Regular Mailing Address) |
| _ | (Physical Street Address, for deliveries) |
| _ | (City) (State) (Zip Code) |
| Telephone Number: |) Fax Number: () |
| E-mail Address*: *Please Note: We will be giving the nominees an opportunity to explain what the position of W/WW operator means to them, please include their email address (if available). (B) <u>NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY</u> : | |
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| (First) | (Last) |
| Title/Position: | Organization: |
| Relation/Affiliation to the Nominee: | |
| (0.2 | superviser, ee worker, concugue, ooure memoer, regulator, encurt racer, mena, relative) |
| Business Address: | (Mailing Address) |
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| | (City) (State) (Zip Code) |
| Telephone Number: (|) Fax Number: () |
| E-mail Address: | |

Please Note: More Detailed Responses Generally Lead to Improved Chances for the Award

Name of Candidate/Nominee: _____

(C) Please describe why you think the operator is deserving of the 2023 ITCA Tribal Operator of the Year award? Please include your level of first-hand observation of or interaction with this operator's day to day activities.

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(D) Please describe how the operator has enhanced the functionality, effectiveness, and sustainability of a tribal facility and the tribal utilities department/program? *Examples may include: contributions and specific instances where the operator put operational knowledge to use to improve the system, protection of public health, environmental quality, efficiencies, or cost savings.*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(E) Please describe any challenges the operator has overcome. *Examples may include: the operator's performance under abnormal/adverse working conditions or instances when the operator proactively assumed additional responsibilities to improve regulatory compliance and the protection of public health.*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(F) Please describe instances of the operator lending aid to others? *Examples may include: a personal sacrifice for the benefit of others, mentoring/training others, outreach efforts or community involvement, performing other (non-operations or maintenance) tasks/responsibilities for the benefit of the community, or generally serving as a role model through positive interactions.*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(G) Special Achievements/Recognition within the Tribal Community. *How does the operator exhibit a spirit of service to others?*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)