



2014 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AWRA IWRM AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION

IWRM AWARD - *“Integrated water resources management (IWRM)”* is the coordinated planning, development, protection, and management of water, land, and related resources in a manner that fosters sustainable economic activity, improves or sustains environmental quality, ensures public health and safety, and provides for the sustainability of communities and ecosystems.

Operationally, IWRM approaches involve applying knowledge from various disciplines as well as the insights from diverse stakeholders to devise and implement efficient, equitable, and sustainable solutions to water and development problems. An IWRM approach to water resources has been a hallmark of AWRA since its establishment. AWRA recommends that water management goals, policies, programs, and plans be organized around the concept and is committed to helping organizations throughout the nation further its implementation. Therefore, AWRA has established an award that recognizes outstanding IWRM work on a water resources project in consulting, government, nonprofit, or academia. This award is presented annually, or at such time as there are qualified nominees.

Criteria for Award: This award recognizes outstanding IWRM teamwork on a project in consulting, government, nonprofit, or academia. IWRM teams are widely recognized as essential to complex water management efforts. The group of individuals chosen for this award will include persons from multiple disciplines such as engineering, biophysical science, economics, social science, law, and political science. The group will have communicated to develop a common mission with defined responsibilities, and collaborated to achieve a water resources management objective. The project will encompass coordinated planning, development, protection, and management of water, land and related resources in a manner that fosters sustainable economic activity, improves or sustains environmental quality, ensures public health and safety, and provides for the sustainability of communities and ecosystems.

Procedure for Nominations: Credentials of candidates for consideration should be submitted to the Awards/Nominations Committee Chairperson. Material to be submitted must include:

1. Names and disciplines of team members.
2. A description of the issue/problem.
3. How the project used an IWRM approach to solve/address the water resource issue or problem, which may include some or all of the following topic areas:
 - a) Addressed water, land, and related resources in an integrated and comprehensive manner.
 - b) Integrated planning, development and protection elements of management.
 - c) Encouraged collaboration in policies, programs and plans.

- d) Treated:
 - Clean water and sanitation as basic human rights and an economic and ecological necessity
 - Sustainability
 - Decision making as participatory
 - Project management as a collaborative exercise
 - Science, hydrologic principles, and hydrologic units
 - Adaptive management
 - Improvement of institutional capacity at all levels
 - e) Fostered sustainable economic activity, improved environmental quality, and ensured public health.
 - f) Measured results.
4. How the IWRM team approach resulted in significant improvements in:
- a) Quality of solutions achieved.
 - b) Ability to create consensus and integrate diverse viewpoints.
 - c) Acceptability, efficiency, and effectiveness of solutions achieved.
5. External validation, in the form of an endorsement letter from customers or stakeholders.

The documentation must be thorough and address the nature of the attributes specified for the Award so that the Awards/Nominations Committee can make valid judgments.

AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2014

All nominations must be submitted electronically to info@awra.org

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