



# 2017 CONTRACTOR SAFETY AWARDS

Honoring industry firms that have implemented outstanding employee health and safety programs

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 31**

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## Program Overview

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association—Transportation Development Foundation (ARTBA-TDF) introduced the ARTBA Contractor Safety Awards in 2007. The awards were developed in the belief that the preservation of the health and safety of our industry employees is our highest value.

They recognize those that have made outstanding accomplishments with their safety programs and publicize these success stories to inspire others to follow. The program is open to ARTBA members in the Contractors and Materials & Services Divisions engaged in the construction of roads, bridges, ports, tunnels and transit projects.

ARTBA-TDF understands the effort required by all levels of company management and employees to achieve and maintain a high level of safety performance. Those companies that consistently sustain excellent safety records have a story to tell that may help other contractors improve their programs.

**The ARTBA-TDF Contractor Safety Awareness Awards will be presented in conjunction with the ARTBA National Convention, October 4-6, 2016 in Tucson, Arizona**

**The application deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2017.**

## Criteria

The program is open to contractors engaged in the construction of roads, bridges, ports, tunnels and transit operations. To ensure fair and even comparisons in judging, awards are categorized by number of employee hours worked during the previous year.

While traditional safety award programs are judged strictly on the OSHA/MSHA recordable rate as reported in the company's OSHA 300 log and MSHA reports, the ARTBA program also considers additional elements as demonstrated in the company's safety policy and program.

To qualify, your company's OSHA Recordable Rate must be lower than the most recently published industry average, compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 2373—highway construction and bridge building. The benchmark is an OSHA Recordable Rate below 4.6.

To calculate your Recordable Rate, take your company's number of OSHA recordable incidents, multiply by 200,000 (the mathematical constant used to represent 100 people working an average employee year); then divide that number by the total employee hours worked. (Number of OSHA Recordable cases) x 200,000, divided by (number of employee hours worked) = OSHA Recordable Rate

*Note: This program does not replace the Roadway Work Zone Safety Awareness Awards, which recognize awareness and training campaigns to promote work zone safety awareness and training campaigns to promote work zone safety outreach.*

## Categories

There are three categories for the ARTBA Contractor Safety Awards based on hours worked by all company employees:

1. 1,000,001 or more employee hours
2. 500,001–1,000,000 employee hours
3. 500,000 or less employee hours

The top two companies in each category with the lowest Recordable Rate will advance to the final judging stage.

For companies with divisions that operate semi-autonomously from the corporate parent, an application may be independently submitted by that division. For example, a corporate organization may own companies that operate under separate names or as partnerships with another organization. Such operations may apply independent of the parent organization.

## Notifications

Top entrants will be notified of their advancement to the final award competition on or before September 5, 2017. Finalists will be invited to make a presentation and winners will be announced during the ARTBA National Convention Sept. 17-20 in Amelia Island, Florida. Details regarding the finalist presentation will be provided at the time of notification.

## Judging Criteria

The criteria for the awards are developed and reviewed regularly by ARTBA staff and select members of the ARTBA Safety and Insurance Committee. ARTBA-TDF anticipates additional criteria will be added and updated in future years.

The final award recipients will be determined based upon their presentations to the judges in Arizona. The judges will look for sound safety program elements, including:

- Management commitment
- Employee participation
- Incident investigation
- Audit procedures
- Safety planning
- Management review/implementation
- Risk assessment

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## Judging Procedure

No judge may have an interest or bias related to the submissions. If a judge should have such an interest, that judge will be excused from reviewing the applicable entry(ies) and an alternate will be appointed. Additional industry related personnel may be utilized as judges at the direction of ARTBA-TDF management staff. Award recipients will be chosen in the judges' sole discretion and mere qualification for entry does not guarantee receipt of any award.

## Publicity

ARTBA view the awards as an important way to promote worker safety across the country and will make substantial efforts to assure that the achievements recognized by this awards program receive maximum publicity.

In addition to posting all winners online, recipients of an award will be honored at a special awards luncheon during the ARTBA Annual Convention in Pennsylvania. The awards ceremony will be appropriate to explain the significance of the applicants' achievements and obtain maximum public relations visibility for the winners of the awards. Winners will be promoted through the ARTBA and National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse publications and websites.

ARTBA will also issue a press release announcing the winners from each of the categories to industry journalists and news media.

## Disqualification

Nominees with a jobsite fatality, resulting in a citation, within the previous 24 months should not apply.

Any nominees who experience a workplace fatality after completing the application, but prior to final judging, must contact ARTBA and report the incident. Understandably, fatalities resulting in a citation will disqualify the nominee company.

## Entry Materials

Applications must be submitted online and include the following:

1. A completed online application form with your company's OSHA Recordable Rate;
2. A copy of your Workers' Compensation EMR summary for last three years;
3. A supporting document (no longer than two pages) that includes a description of your:
  - **Company:** include operations, number of full-time employees, years in business, type of work performed (i.e. highway, bridge, transit, tunnel, etc.).
  - **Safety program:** include information demonstrating management commitment and employee involvement in your orientation program, training program, and innovative practices that reduce exposures to loss.
  - **Achievements:** include your success and why your program deserves to win this national award.
4. Nomination Fee: \$250 ARTBA Members/ \$350 Non-Members. The application fee may be paid by credit card using our online store, or checks can be made payable to ARTBA, please denote "Contractor Safety Awards" in the memo line of the check and mail to:  
**Contractor Safety Awards Competition**  
**c/o Accounts Receivable**  
**The ARTBA Building**  
**1219 28<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20007**

ARTBA reserves the right to use portions of the submissions for promotional purposes. The submission of copyrighted material for the ARTBA/Arch Contractor Safety Awards shall constitute a general grant of permission to ARTBA to use the materials for promotional purposes.

**Entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, August 31, 2017.** Once online submission has been made, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, we have not received your submission.

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