

Submissions for Award Deadline

To be considered for this award, a completed submittal and supporting documentation are due in the IRMCA office (irmca@concretestate.org), no later than December 15, 2021, by 5:00pm.

Description of Award

The IRMCA Environmental Innovation Award celebrates leadership and a unique innovation to help a member's company or member's plant location to operate in a way that is both safe and beneficial. This will recognize out-of-the-box thinking for solutions to location constraints, environmental risks, and regulations imposed by other agencies.

An innovation is defined as a specific identifiable change, either implemented or constructed, to reduce or eliminate an individual's exposure to a hazard in the workplace.

These innovations may include:

- Engineering control, redesign, armoring or guarding
- Work practice changes that eliminate or reduce the risk to a hazard
- Improvements to the personal protective equipment used by workers
- Improvements for an environmental risk
- Training on its own will not qualify as a hazard control. Training in conjunction with controlling a hazard can qualify, as long as there is documentation of the hazard prior to the training, along with the controls put in place to eliminate the hazard.

Award Eligibility

Companies eligible to apply for the award must be IRMCA Producer members and meet the criteria and qualifications as outlined herein. This may be awarded annually to one Iowa IRMCA Producer member company regardless of size.

The entry must highlight an innovation implemented within 36 months prior to the submission deadline and may be resubmitted the following year if it did not win.

Award Submittal and Qualifications

To qualify for this award, submit the following documentation for each innovation.

A submittal for the Innovation Award shall include the following:

- Description of what the innovation is and if it was implemented at a specific location or company wide
- Adequate number of pictures to clearly showcase your innovation (maximum of 10)
- A short summary containing
 - What precipitated this innovation (what problem were you solving)
 - Any historical information
 - A list of who was involved/responsible for implementing this innovation

Judging and Award Notification

Award submittals will be judged by members of the IRMCA Environmental Committee and a Staff member of the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Prior to the IRMCA Annual Convention, February 27 - March 1 in Des Moines, the award winner will be notified to allow for a representative from the company to be present to accept the award.