



INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR Guidelines

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The award is sponsored by Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO). The Innovator, through enterprising spirit, determination and creativity, helps invigorate Wayne County's economy, promotes job creation or retention, and enriches the County's character and uniqueness. This effort is harmonious with WEDCO's overall work towards improving the quality of place for Wayne County residents.

DESCRIPTION

To recognize, reward, and further encourage innovation in technology, product, or process for betterment of a business, and therefore its employees and community as a whole. The scope of the award includes, but is not limited to, application of new equipment or technology. Equal consideration will be given to creative approaches in customer service, human resource issues and personnel relations, management, marketing, or production processes.

WHY APPLY?

The Innovator of the Year will:

- be honored at WEDCO's Annual Meeting / Innovators of the Year event in November, and receive an engraved plaque;
- receive recognition through the various media outlets;
- increase the stature and morale of Wayne County's business community by sharing creative, productive actions and initiatives performed by one of its own.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection committee will consider the following:

- the unique or creative way the product or process is being used;
- the specific challenges that had to be overcome during the development of the product or process;
- the tangible benefits of the idea, product, process to Wayne County in terms of jobs, economic impact, quality of life and its ability to reflect positively on the County.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Nominees will be judged as indicated above and must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- WEDCO member AND / OR business located in Wayne County;
- for-profit business and not-for profit business;
- has not won the award during the last three years.

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HOW ARE NOMINATIONS MADE?

Submit completed nomination form to WEDCO.

E-mail: mbw@wedcorp.org

Fax: 570-253-0818

Mail: 32 Commercial Street, Suite 1, Honesdale, PA 18431

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Nominations may be made by anyone, including self-nominations.
- Complete all the information on the nomination form.
- All entries should be typed or printed and may not exceed 1,000 words.
- Nomination forms must be received by WEDCO no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 5, 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The committee consists of members of WEDCO's Board of Directors.
- Because of potential conflict of interest, no member of the Selection Committee can be considered for the award during the time he or she serves on this committee.
- The decision of the Selection Committee will be final. The award recipient will be notified on October 9, 2020.



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NOMINATION FORM

Complete Part 1 & 2; please type or print. This form is online at WayneEconomic.com and may be reproduced.

PART 1 - CONTACT INFORMATION

Nominator:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominee:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Has the company won the award previously? _____ If so, what year: _____

Questions?

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PART 2 - WHY IS THIS COMPANY AN INNOVATOR?

On a separate sheet, please tell us why your nominee is deserving of the Innovator of the Year Award. Do not exceed 1,000 words. You may want to consider how a technology or unique process is used, specific challenges that were overcome, or tangible benefits such as job creation, quality of life and positive economic impact on Wayne County.

Return to WEDCO by Monday, October 5, 2020

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