

APPLICATION DEADLINE
For the 2011 Texas Environmental
Excellence Awards is
October 8, 2010.



For more information or a sample
of a winning application, call the
TCEQ at 512-239-3143

Texas Environmental Excellence Awards 2011 Application Instructions & Requirements

Winners receive notification in the spring of 2011.

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA) banquet will be held May 4, 2011, in Austin.

Awards may be presented in the following categories:

- Technical / Technology (use Application-Form T)
- Innovative Operations/Management *
- Water Conservation*
- Pollution Prevention*
- Civic/Community*
- Education*
- Agriculture*
- Youth
- Individual

* Special consideration will be given during the application evaluation to the following:

- An independently owned company that employs a company-wide total of 100 or fewer employees;
- a small local government (a county with a population of 100,000 or fewer people; a city with a population of 50,000 or fewer people); or
- an independent school district serving a student population of 100,000 or fewer students.

Indicate the category that best describes your organization by checking the appropriate box on the front of your application. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will make the final decision on the appropriate category for your project. Applications will be scored in one category. The TCEQ reserves the right to determine that a winner may not be selected in each category.

Your project will be scored according to the information provided on the application. Please complete your application in detail and show your project's results. You may submit the application online at www.teea.org. If you want to resubmit a project from last year, you must complete the 2011 application for consideration.

Please consider the following requirements when filling out your application. Applications that do not adhere to these requirements may not be considered. If you have questions on how to fill out this application or about the TEEA process, please contact us at 512-239-3143.

- Please complete one application per project and adhere to the word limits.
- If mailing, send the original and two (2) additional copies.
- Your application should be postmarked or submitted online by October 8, 2010, for consideration in the 2011 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards.
- Type size should be no smaller than Times New Roman 10-point or comparable.
- Projects must show measurable results to receive consideration. Projects must either be complete or demonstrating measurable results as an ongoing effort.

- Support material (videos, brochures, press clips, photos, manuals, etc.) will not be accepted. However, you may be asked to submit additional materials at a later date.
- Projects must benefit the state of Texas.
- Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by their employers, organizations, neighbors, family, or friends.

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The following will be used as a guide in the selection of the winning projects :

INNOVATIVE Does the project contribute new information on how to improve the environment? Is it a new concept or process? Has it ever been executed successfully before? Is this the first time a project like this is being used in Texas? Is it a creative solution to a problem?

BENEFICIAL Does it make a significant contribution to improving the environment? Does it reduce health risk or conserve resources? Does it reduce a large volume or significant percentage of air contaminants, hazardous/toxic contaminants, solid waste, and energy or water resources? Is it beneficial to the economy, the environment, or local community? Is it cost effective? Are people participating? Does it tackle a difficult task? Is it effective?

MEASURABLE Describe your project's results. Can we measure its contribution to environmental quality? Is the measurement specific?

EDUCATIONAL Does the project promote public awareness or education? Does it include employee training or technology transfer? Does it include "how to" guidelines/brochures/videos? Does it encourage other environmental efforts? Are employees involved in development and implementation? Does it serve as a model for other efforts?

COOPERATIVE EFFORT Does this project involve a cooperative effort between multiple entities or organizations (city/state government, industries, civic groups, schools, citizens, associations)?

EXCEPTIONAL Is the project self-sustaining or ongoing? Does it go significantly beyond legal requirements? Does it address other social needs, such as environmental equity? Does it solve a serious environmental problem or result in a significant positive impact on the environment? Does your project take place in a critical region, such as the Rio Grande border area or a National Ambient Air Quality Standards nonattainment or near nonattainment area?

For **Technical** or **Innovative Technology** categories, selection of the winning projects will be based on the following criteria:

INNOVATIVE Is significant research and development required? Is this the first application of this technology? Is it a new way to use existing technology? Is it state of the art or is it standard technology?

RESPONSE TO REGULATIONS Does the project go beyond compliance? Is it a response to pending regulations (within two years)? Is it regulatory compliant? Is it enforcement-driven?

MEASURABLE Describe your project's results. Can its contribution to environmental quality be measured? Is the measure specific? What are the amounts and percentage reductions in hazardous wastes, Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) releases and transfers, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), and water and energy usage? All reductions should be compared with a baseline year with known amounts and be expressed in amount and percentage.

EXCEPTIONAL Does it address high-priority environmental need? Does it address worker or community safety concerns? Does your project take place in a critical region such as the Rio Grande border area or a National Ambient Air Quality Standards nonattainment or near nonattainment area?