

**WSSPC Awards in Excellence**

***2020 Nominations***

The Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) is pleased to announce it is accepting nominations for its 2020 Awards in Excellence. These annual awards honor exemplary programs, projects, and products that have significantly contributed to addressing earthquake risk reduction through new and creative approaches. Through these awards, WSSPC seeks to recognize the winners’ demonstrated achievements in earthquake mitigation, preparedness, and response, and facilitate the transfer of those successful experiences to others.

Winners will be honored during the 2020 WSSPC Annual Meeting. Recipients will be presented with a specially-designed plaque at the WSSPC Awards Luncheon, and featured in press releases, meeting materials, and on the WSSPC website.

**Eligibility**

During the award selection process, the following criteria are used to determine eligibility and rate the eligible nominations:

1. Is the nominated program, project or product operated, administered or sponsored by a government entity, non-profit organization or public-private partnership?
2. Has the program, project or product been operational for at least one year prior to the nomination date?
3. Does it address a significant earthquake risk reduction issue that is local, regional, state or national in scope?
4. Does it represent a new and creative approach to the earthquake risk reduction issue?
5. Has the nominated program, project or product effectively achieved its stated purpose, goals and objectives?
6. Could the program, project or product and/or its results be easily transferred for use to another local, state or regional government or non-profit organization?

**Nominations**

Anyone from outside of the nominated program, project or product may submit a nomination, whether or not they are a member of WSSPC. To make a nomination, complete all of the information on the attached form and submit it with the supporting documents to *mwall@wsspc.org* by **Friday, December 27, 2020**. For questions or additional information, please contact WSSPC at 916-444-6816 or go to *www.wsspc.org.*

**Winners**

Winners are chosen by the WSSPC Board of Directors. 2020 Award in Excellence selections – and their nominators – will be notified at the end of January 2020. Winners’ notification forms will be posted on the WSSPC website.

Attachment: 2020 WSSPC Awards in Excellence Nomination Form

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***2020 Nomination Form***

**Nominated Program, Project or Product:**

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| Program, Project or Product Name:  |
| Nominated Administering Organization: |
| Contact Name/Title:  |
| Street: |
| City: | State: | Zip:  |
| Telephone:  | Fax: |
| Email: |

**Nominating Individual or Group (must be nominated by someone outside the nominated organization)**

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| Nominating Individual or Group: |
| Agency Affiliation: |
| Street: |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Telephone:  | Fax: |
| Email: |

**Award Category (check all that apply):**

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|  | Educational Outreach (choose all that apply from the following 3 sub-categories) |  | Multi-jurisdictional Planning |
|  |  | Outreach to Business/Government  |  | Mitigation Efforts |
|  |  | Outreach to General Public  |  | Non-Profit Agency Efforts  |
|  |  | Outreach to Schools |  | Research Projects |
|  | Innovations  |  | Response Plans/Materials |
|  | Legislation |  | Use of New Technology |

**Evaluation of Program, Project or Product** (use as much space below each question as needed)

1. How long has the nominated program, project or product been operational?

(Note: to be considered for an award, it must have been operational at least one year prior to nomination.) Since: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the major purpose of the program, project, or product? What problem or issue was it designed to address?
2. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program, project, or product.
3. What new and creative approach or method does the program, project, or product use to address an issue or problem?
4. What was the start-up budget and source(s) of funding?

Budget: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the annual operational costs and source(s) of funding?

Budget: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How many employees (full-time equivalent) work(ed) with the program or project, or on the product? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did this program, project or product idea originate?

\_\_\_\_ Originated within the nominated organization

\_\_\_\_ Adapted from another source

* Original source:
* How was it modified?
1. Has the program been fully implemented? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
2. If the program has not been fully implemented, what actions remain to be taken?
3. Is there evidence that the program has been effective in achieving its stated purpose? Briefly summarize evaluations (pro and con) of how well the program has addressed the defined problem or issue.
4. What limitations or obstacles were encountered? How were they overcome?
5. Additional information for the WSSPC Board to consider in evaluating the program, project or product. Supporting documentation, samples, or other items may be attached.

Submit the nomination form and all supporting documents to Executive Director Matthew Wall at ***mwall@wsspc.org*** ***.*** Documentation that cannot be sent electronically may be mailed to: WSSPC, 801 K Street, Suite 1236, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 916-444-6816. Deadline is Friday, December 27, 2020.