



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

January 6, 2017

Dear Friend:

It is my pleasure to request your nomination for the Texas General Land Office 2016 Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act Award. Since 1996, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) has recognized companies or individuals for their efforts that exceed the required provisions of the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPRE) or that have taken proactive steps to enhance the protection and preservation of our Texas coastal resources. Enclosed you will find an OSPRA Award nomination form for your completion.

Winners of this year's prestigious OSPRA Award will be chosen by a panel appointed by the GLO, and awards will be presented to the winners at a venue of their choice or at the 2017 Clean Gulf Conference in Houston, Texas. In addition, media coverage for the 2016 winners will include statewide and industry press releases, announcements via social media, and acknowledgment on the GLO website. This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight your organization's efforts to protect Texas' environmental resources. Submissions are due April 4, 2017.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program and I look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

Greg Pollock  
Deputy Director  
Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program

Enclosure

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## 2016 OSPRA AWARDS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### **Recognition for Excellence in Environmental Protection**

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) seeks to promote clean Texas coastal waters by ensuring compliance with the Oil Spill Prevention & Response Act (OSPRA). Through education, prevention and response, the OSPRA team works diligently to protect fragile coastal ecosystems while supporting the vital Texas petrochemical industry and other businesses that contribute to Texas' thriving economy.

For 20 years, the GLO has presented the OSPRA Awards to honor others who share the goal of coastal protection. This OSPRA Award recognizes individuals, small or large public or private organizations that make significant contributions to environmental protection and go the extra mile to preserve the clean and natural beauty of our Texas Coast.

**Nominees include:** Government, Industry, Nonprofit Groups, Public Agencies, Vessel Operators, Oil Handling Facilities, Contractors, Consultants, Spill Response Organizations, Suppliers, Marinas, Shipyards, Educational Organizations or Institutions, Research Organizations, Individual and other organizations that meet the award criteria.

### **Award Criteria**

Nominees must specifically state how they went beyond the requirements of the OSPRA from **January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**. Include details exhibiting how the nominee:

- Went beyond the requirements of standard practices
- Developed and implemented pollution prevention, preparedness, response, safety management practices, procedures and/or programs
- Developed educational process(es) that exceeded and demonstrated a commitment to environmental protection outreach
- Created partnerships with other organizations, developed new or improved strategies that significantly improved the field of oil spill prevention and response

### **Judging and Presentation of Awards**

Winners are chosen by a panel appointed by the GLO. Awards are presented at a venue of the winner's choice or at the 2017 Clean Gulf Conference in Houston, Texas. OSPRA Award winners receive numerous opportunities for publicity and public recognition and allow the GLO to recognize excellence in environmental protection through the agency's extensive media and industry resources. Winners will be announced on the GLO website April 2017.

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**PART 1**

**To enter, complete part 1 and 2 and return this form to the Texas General Land Office no later than April 4, 2017.**

Provide contact information about the individual or company you are nominating. Information provided will be used to notify award winners. Information should be provided about the individual or company you are nominating if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Acceptance of entries cannot be guaranteed if any question is unanswered unless the question is not relevant to your application.

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline is April 4, 2017**



Please mail, email or fax completed form to:  
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### PART 2

Please complete all sections. Acceptance of entries cannot be guaranteed if any section is incomplete. If a question is not relevant to your application, please mark N/A. Each response should contain 200-500 words. Complete section A-D by using your own paper. Feel free to attach any supporting documents, awards or written recognition nominee may have received for this project.

#### A. Description of Nominee

Please provide a description of the nominee's involvement with the GLO Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program or his/her role within the nominee's company or organization detailing the standard practices of the nominee. State specifically how the nominee went beyond the requirements of standard practices that qualify him/her for the OSPRA Award.

#### B. Pollution Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Safety Management:

Please provide a description of how the nominee developed and implemented pollution prevention, preparedness, response, safety management practices, procedures and/or programs. Proactive and innovative approaches to these elements, with an emphasis on human factors, should be highlighted. Do these practices go above and beyond legal requirements? What are the positive outcomes for pollution prevention, preparedness, response efforts and safety management for the Texas coast? Describe why this project is exceptional.

#### C. Environmental Outreach:

Please describe an educational process(es) developed by the nominee that exceeded and demonstrates a commitment to environmental protection outreach. This could include education or information programs, written materials, public appearances or sponsorship of environmentally focused events. Describe the audience, desired environmental objectives and a description of the benefits and outcomes received.

#### D. Partnerships:

Please provide a description of any environmental partnerships formed with other organizations, including external shareholders, who share similar goals. Describe the goals, types and degree of resources extended beyond requirement and the benefits derived through the partnerships. Is there a specific project or event that showcases the environmental improvement accomplished? Describe the project in detail, including date/site/number of participants/history/purposes and goals. What makes the project innovative and demonstrates something new in the field of oil spill prevention and response?

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