

**TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

2020



CALL FOR ENTRIES



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2020 OSPRA AWARDS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Recognition for Excellence in Environmental Protection

The Texas coast supports abundant natural resources, recreational opportunities and economic development for the entire state. Both humans and nature depend on clean coastal areas to sustain the wildlife habitats and financial benefits of Texas' coastal areas.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) seeks to promote clean Texas coastal waters by ensuring compliance with the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPRA). Created in 1991, OSPRA sets out a blueprint for the agency's world-renowned, proactive approach to keeping oil out of state waters. The program is funded by a 1 1/3 cents-per-barrel fee on crude oil loaded or off-loaded in Texas ports. 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. Five Oil Spill field offices are located along the Texas coast to serve as resources for the public and monitor the gulf waters along our Texas shore.

How to Nominate an Organization or Individual

For 23 years, the GLO has presented the OSPRA Awards to honor others who share the goal of coastal protection. The OSPRA Award recognizes small and large organizations representing all sectors of Texas coastal industries that make significant contributions to environmental protection. Award recipients showcase the best practices of Texans who go the extra mile to preserve the clean and natural beauty of the 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, and other organizations that meet the award criteria.

Criteria for a Successful Nomination

Successful nominees for the 2020 OSPRA Award must show a demonstrated and consistent effort to exceed basic compliance with the OSPRA Act of 1991 from **January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019**. The enclosed nomination form may be completed and mailed to GLO headquarters in Austin or submitted to any GLO Oil Spill Response Program office. An online nomination form is also available at: www.glo.texas.gov

Judging and Presentation of Awards

Winners are chosen by a panel appointed by the GLO. Awards are presented at the 2020 Clean Gulf Conference in San Antonio, 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 October 2, 2020.

Entry Deadline is August 31, 2020

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PART 1

To enter, complete the information below and return this form to the Texas General Land Office no later than **August 31, 2020**.

Provide the following information for each entry on the lines below. Please use additional pages for completion of Part 2. 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 _____

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PART 2

Please answer all sections. Acceptance of entries cannot be guaranteed if any section is unanswered. If a question is not relevant to your application, please mark N/A. Each answer should contain 200-500 words. **(Helpful Entry Tips Attached)**

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 recognition title.

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 external informational and educational process(es) developed by the nominee that 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 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 prevention and response? Did the nominee or project receive additional awards or recognitions?

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APPLICATION TIPS

What's Above and Beyond?

To receive an OSPRA Award, the recipient must go above and beyond the expectations of the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act. Created in 1991, the law sets out specific processes to first prevent and then create an immediate response to a coastal oil spill of any size. OSPRA is a tool that requires compliance – and, in the case of a spill, compliance in 60 minutes.

OSPRA also suggests prevention by way of training and documentation; education; research and outreach. What efforts has the nominee demonstrated that could prevent a spill before it happens? Is there a new audience to be reached or a new way to teach? How have these efforts contributed to a cleaner Texas coast?

Demonstrate what your nominee has done to contribute to a no spill culture, within their organization or for the general public.

And, if a spill occurs, how has the nominee shown a better way to respond in a spill? How can a spill be cleaned quicker? How can response teams be kept safer? How has the nominee provided better outcomes for natural resources, including wildlife? Submissions touting higher and better use of technology, equipment and human resources are welcomed. However, the OSPRA award is not a product marketing tool; it's recognition for doing things better.

Timeline - January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

