

TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

2023



CALL FOR ENTRIES



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# 2023 OSPRA AWARDS

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### Recognition for Excellence in Environmental Protection

The Texas coast supports abundant plant and animal life, recreational opportunity and economic development. Texans depend on clean Gulf waters to sustain the natural resources and financial benefits of the state's 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 proactive approach to keeping oil out of state waters. Through education, prevention and response, the Oil Spill team works diligently to protect coastal ecosystems while supporting the vital Texas petroleum industry and associated businesses that contribute to Texas' thriving economy. Five Oil Spill field offices located along the Texas coast serve as resources, monitoring the Gulf waters along our Texas shore and rapidly responding to oil spills.

### How to Nominate an Organization or Individual

For 25 years, the GLO has presented OSPRA Awards to honor others who share the goal of coastal protection. The OSPRA Award recognizes individuals and organizations **within** the Texas coastal petroleum industry 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, Nonprofits, Public Agencies, Vessel Operators, Oil Handling Facilities, Contractors, Consultants, Spill Response Organizations, Marinas, Shipyards, Educational Organizations and Institutions, Research Organizations and other organizations that support OSPRA's environmental mission and meet the award criteria.

### Criteria for a Successful Nomination

Successful nominees for the 2023 OSPRA Award must show a demonstrated and consistent effort to exceed basic compliance with OSPRA from **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**. The enclosed nomination form may be completed and mailed to GLO headquarters in Austin, submitted to any GLO Oil Spill Response Program office, or emailed to [oilspills@glo.texas.gov](mailto:oilspills@glo.texas.gov)

### Judging and Presentation of Awards

Winners are chosen by a panel appointed by the GLO. Awards will be presented at the 2023 Clean Gulf Conference, November 7-9, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas. OSPRA Award winners receive opportunities for publicity and public recognition and allow the GLO to recognize excellence in environmental protection through the agency's media and industry resources. Winners will be announced on the GLO website by November 3, 2023.

**Entry Deadline is September 15, 2023**

MORE INFORMATION  
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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 September 15, 2023.

Provide the following information for your 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 an entry cannot be guaranteed if any question is unanswered unless the question is not relevant to the 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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Please mail, email or fax completed form to:  
Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873  
Fax: 512.475.1560 • [oilspills@glo.texas.gov](mailto:oilspills@glo.texas.gov)  
or drop off at a local field office (see [glo.texas.gov](http://glo.texas.gov) for addresses)



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### PART 2

Please answer all sections. Acceptance of entry 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. **(See 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 their role within their organization detailing the standard practices of the nominee. State specifically how the nominee went beyond standard OSPRA requirements that qualify them for the OSPRA recognition title.

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

Please provide a description of how the nominee developed, implemented, improved, or enhanced pollution prevention, preparedness, response, safety management practices, procedures and/or programs. Showcase proactive efforts by the nominee. Discuss how the nominee's practices or programming went above and beyond legal requirements. Highlight positive outcomes for pollution prevention, preparedness, response efforts and safety management for the Texas coast. Describe why their efforts are exceptional.

#### C. Environmental Outreach

Please describe an external informational and educational process or program developed by the nominee that demonstrates a commitment to environmental protection outreach. This could include education or informational programs, written materials, public appearances or events, environmentally focused campaigns, including social media. Describe the audience, environmental objectives and goals, and the benefits and outcomes received.

#### D. Partnerships

Please provide a description of any environmental partnerships formed with other organizations who share similar goals. Describe the goals and resources extended and benefits derived through the partnerships that were created. 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? Is the partnership sustainable?

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## 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 requirements to first prevent and then create an immediate response to a coastal oil spill of any size. Simply complying with OSPRA does not merit an OSPRA award.

OSPRA promotes spill prevention by incorporating training and documentation; education; research and outreach. Has the nominee developed and demonstrated strategies that could prevent a spill before it happens? How have these efforts contributed to a cleaner Texas coast?

Describe efforts by the nominee to contribute to a “no spill” culture within their organization or for the public.

Has the nominee shown more effective methods and strategies to respond to a spill? How can a spill be cleaned more rapidly? How can response teams be kept safer? How has the nominee provided better outcomes for natural resources, including wildlife? Submissions promoting higher and better use of technology, equipment and human resources are welcomed.

Are the nominee's efforts sustainable and do they provide a long-lasting benefit?

**Please note: The OSPRA award is not a product marketing tool. Product nominations will not be accepted.**

**TIMELINE IS JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**