

APPLICATION DEADLINE
For the 2009 Texas Environmental
Excellence Awards is
October 31, 2008.



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

Texas Environmental Excellence Awards 2009 Application Instructions & Requirements

Winners receive notification in the spring of 2009.

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA) banquet will be held May 13, 2009, in Austin.

Awards may be presented in the following categories:

- Water Conservation
- Large Business/Technical (more than 100 employees, use Application — Form T)
- Innovative Technology (use Application — Form T)
- Large Business/Nontechnical (more than 100 employees)
- Small Business (independently owned businesses with 100 or fewer employees)
- Government
- Civic/Nonprofit Organization
- Education (public education campaigns or educational initiatives, for example)
- Youth (science clubs, school and scout projects, youth groups and individuals, for example)
- Agriculture
- Individual

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 will make the final decision on the appropriate category for your project. Applications will be scored in one 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. Complete the 2009 application if you want to resubmit a project from last year.

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 24, 2008, for consideration in the 2009 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards.
- Type size should be no smaller than Times New Roman 10-point or comparable.
- Projects must show measurable results to be considered. 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.

Recommendations for winners will be made by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee. Final selection will be made by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioners and the Governor. Selection of the winning projects will be based on the following criteria:

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? 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 border 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, nonattainment, or near nonattainment area?