

2024 SP AWARDS PROGRAM

Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP) has opened the call for nominations for its 2024 Awards Program. The Awards are designed to recognize and raise awareness of environmental sustainability successes within the automotive value chain, while promoting knowledge sharing and transfer of proven solutions across the automotive industry.

Awards applications may be completed [via an online application form](#) and will be accepted until **August 9, 2024**. A selection committee of environmental sustainability leaders from SP OEM member companies will review qualified applications and select the winning entries for presentation in an SP Awards Ceremony scheduled for October 24 in Columbus, Ohio.



2023 SP Award Winners

Company-Level Award Categories & Key Criteria

SP's company-level awards are intended to recognize the successes of suppliers to the automotive industry; as such, a supplier should be the main point of contact for the application. OEMs may be recognized as partners together with their suppliers where applicable. To be eligible for consideration, submitted projects should have been implemented with measurable results within the past 24-month period.

- **Demonstrating Environmental Innovation in the Manufacturing Process (Company).** This award recognizes companies that demonstrate outstanding innovation in an advanced manufacturing process or technology leading to significant environmental and economic impact within the automotive supply chain. Criteria to be considered include,
 - Environmental Impact. What were the environmental impacts of this project?
 - Economic Impact. What was the economic impact of this project?
 - Other Positive Impacts. Did this project positively impact other aspects relevant to industry or global sustainability goals?
 - Transferability. Is this project potentially applicable to other organizations in the automotive industry and / or supply chain?
- **Creativity in Implementing Sustainable Practices (Company).** This award recognizes companies that demonstrate remarkable creativity in implementing environmental sustainability programs and practices within the automotive supply chain. Criteria to be considered include,
 - Systems Thinking / Net-Benefit. Did the project team consider potential impacts on different environmental, economic and community aspects, and strive to optimize the project's total positive impact on environmental sustainability?
 - Creativity & Innovation. How many new innovations, technologies, ideas or practices were piloted and demonstrated through this project?
 - Environmental Sustainability Impacts. Which environmental sustainability aspects did this project address and what measurable benefits were achieved in those areas?
- **Community Impact (Company).** This award recognizes companies who strive to extend the positive impacts of their sustainability efforts to local communities and organizations outside the automotive industry through outreach and education. Criteria to be considered include,
 - Positive Impact. What were the positive environmental sustainability impacts of this project, including any measurable benefits related to biodiversity conservation, community engagement or environmental justice? What change can be observed in the current state, as compared to the prior state, as a result of this project?
 - Education & Outreach. Were positive impacts extended to local communities and/or other organizations outside the automotive industry through outreach and/or education?
 - Magnitude. What was the magnitude of impact for this project, such as the number of people, organizations or communities impacted?

Individual-Level Award Categories

In addition to our company-level awards, SP's Awards program also recognizes the contributions of individual environmental sustainability leaders in the SP membership. All current SP members are eligible to be nominated for these individual-level awards.

- **Shining Star (Individual).** This award recognizes and celebrates individual emerging sustainability leaders within SP member companies for their exemplary efforts in developing and improving environmental sustainability programs, as well as their leadership and engagement in SP. Members of any age are eligible to be nominated as emerging leaders, based on their engagement in SP within past 2-3 years. Self-nominations are welcomed for the Shining Star recognition.
- **Spirit of SP (Individual).** This award recognizes and celebrates individual members who visibly embody SP's values and have made outstanding contributions to the SP community. Candidates for the Spirit of SP Award are nominated by SP's senior leadership team based on notable influence in furthering the mission of SP through their dedication and engagement in the organization. Self-nominations are not accepted for Spirit of SP recognition.

How to Apply

To submit an application for one or more of the 2024 Awards, please complete the appropriate online application form at: <https://www.supplierspartnership.org/sp-awards-program/>

All applications must be submitted no later than EOD August 9, 2024 to be considered for an award.

Disclaimers & Eligibility Information

To be eligible for consideration, submitted projects should have been implemented and show measurable results within the past 24-month period. Certain information submitted to SP regarding a prospective award may be used in marketing and communications related to the SP awards program. SP will consider all application form entries as public information. SP reserves the right not to issue an award if certain thresholds are not met, including receipt of a sufficient number of qualified applications for a particular award category.

Questions

Please contact info@supplierspartnership.org with any questions on the SP Awards program.

Demonstrating Environmental Innovation in the Manufacturing Process Application Details

Contact Information

Main point of contact for this award submission (should be a supplier)

Project Information

Please briefly summarize the project being submitted for consideration.

- **Project Title** (15-word limit)
- **Project Abstract.** Concise narrative on project being submitted for consideration. (1-2 paragraphs)

Project Objectives, Strategies & Actions

Please provide a clear and concise narrative describing in detail the objectives, strategies and actions addressed through this project, including consideration of the following items where applicable. (2000-character limit)

- **Objective.** What was the stated objective of the project? What problem was this effort designed to address?
- **Strategy.** What strategies did you set to achieve the project objective? What actions were taken in support of those strategies?
- **Team.** What was the makeup of the team that supported this project, including any internal and external partners? What key roles / contributions did each team member bring?
- **Implementation.** When and where was this project implemented?

Project Outcomes & Impacts

Please provide a narrative describing in detail the outcomes and impacts of this project in relation to automotive industry environmental sustainability goals, using quantifiable measures wherever possible.

The narrative should clearly and concisely explain how this project "demonstrates outstanding innovation in an advanced manufacturing process or technology leading to significant environmental and economic impact within the automotive supply chain" and include consideration of the following criteria.

- **Environmental Impact.** What were the environmental impacts of this project? Please describe quantifiable outcomes specific to any applicable environmental impact areas (carbon, energy, water, waste, etc.) where possible.
- **Economic Impact.** What was the economic impact of this project? Please discuss the business case for the project and level of investment that was required (if able to share).
- **Other Positive Impacts.** Did this project positively impact other aspects relevant to industry or global sustainability goals (e.g. UN SDGs)?
- **Transferability.** Is this project potentially applicable to other organizations in the automotive industry and / or supply chain? If so, how?

(OPTIONAL) 1-minute video. Applicants are invited to submit a link (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.) to a short 1-minute video introducing their project. This is totally optional, and teams will not be penalized if they choose not to submit a video.

(OPTIONAL) Supporting Materials. Any additional supporting materials (e.g. photos, presentations, reports, articles, etc.) you may wish to submit in support of this application may be uploaded here as a single file of less than 16MB. Alternately, any supporting materials may be e-mailed to info@supplierspartnership.org (be sure to include your project title in subject line).

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Creativity in Implementing Sustainable Practices Application Form Details

Contact Information

Main point of contact for this award submission. (should be a supplier)

Project Information

Please briefly summarize the project being submitted for consideration.

- **Project Title** (15-word limit)
- **Project Abstract.** Concise narrative on project being submitted for consideration. (1-2 paragraphs)

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- **Implementation.** When and where was this project implemented?

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- **Systems Thinking / Net-Benefit.** Did the project team consider potential impacts on different environmental, economic and community aspects, and strive to optimize the project's total positive impact on environmental sustainability?
- **Creativity & Innovation.** How many new innovations, technologies, ideas or practices were piloted and demonstrated through this project?
- **Environmental Sustainability Impacts.** Which environmental sustainability aspects did this project address and what measurable benefits were achieved in those areas?

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Community Impact Application Form Details

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- **Project Abstract.** Concise narrative on project being submitted for consideration. (1-2 paragraphs)

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- **Implementation.** When and where was this project implemented?

Project Outcomes & Impacts

Please provide a narrative describing in detail the outcomes and impacts of this project in relation to automotive industry environmental sustainability goals, using quantifiable measures wherever possible.

The narrative should clearly and concisely explain how you strived to "extend the positive impacts of environmental sustainability efforts to local communities and organizations outside the automotive industry through outreach and education" and include consideration of the following criteria.

- **Positive Impact.** What were the positive environmental sustainability impacts of this project, including any measurable benefits related to biodiversity conservation, community engagement or environmental justice? What change can be observed in the current state, as compared to the prior state, as a result of this project?
- **Education & Outreach.** Were positive impacts extended to local communities and/or other organizations outside the automotive industry through outreach and/or education? If so, how?
- **Magnitude.** What was the magnitude of impact for this project, such as the number of people, organizations or communities impacted?

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Shining Star Application Form Details

Contact Information

Main point of contact for this award submission. (may be an OEM or Supplier)

Nominees' Contact Information

Contact information for the person being nominated for the Shining Star award. Self-nominations are allowed.

Nomination Rationale

Please discuss in detail why you feel this person should be considered for the Shining Star Award. We encourage you to highlight any specific examples of exemplary efforts in developing and improving environmental sustainability programs, as well as leadership and engagement in SP efforts. (2000 character limit)

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