

2016 Region 6 Awards Program

Categories, Descriptions, Nomination Suggestions, with Real Examples of Previous Winners

Very Important General Instructions for writing all Nominations in all Award Categories

Be very thorough because if this Nominee wins this award at your Section level, it will be passed up first to the Area awards level and then perhaps to the Region level. Keep in mind there will be many awards committee people reading this nomination form who probably do not know the Nominee and they may be more than 1000 miles away. They are depending solely on your nomination form to evaluate this particular Nominee for this award.

Award Category for Companies and Corporations

**(the MGA name of this is Friend of IEEE Member and Geographic Activities,
Organizational Award)**

Here is the list of MGA Criteria for this award:

- Time off to travel to IEEE meetings**
- Full or partial reimbursement of travel and/or per diem**
- Offering company space to conduct IEEE meetings**
- Encouraging and/or promoting membership in professional organizations**
- Underwriting all or a portion of IEEE dues for its members**
- Supporting the volunteer by permitting free or discounted use of company resources for such things as telephone, fax, email, or printing newsletters and/or other circulars.**

Region 6 adds to this list:

- **Donating grants or money directly to Chapters, Councils, Affinity Groups, or STEM to assist with conducting conferences, workshops, meetings, or educational events and competitions.**

Our name for this award is Outstanding Corporate Service.

We recognize that it is becoming rare to find corporations that meet all of these criteria. We will accept nominations for companies and corporations that do some of these. The more points that are documented, the more likely your nomination will win.

**Here is a 2012 example of a Corporate Award winner:
Hewlett-Packard, Boise, ID**

(a) Company contributions to engineering

The Hewlett-Packard Company is well known world-wide for its contributions to engineering and technology innovation.

The Boise site is the birthplace of the phenomenally successful LaserJet printer. The first LaserJet introduced in 1984. The Boise site continues to this day as the hub for LaserJet development. It continues with the tradition of developing innovative products. One example is the recently introduced HP TopShot, the first product to combine 3D scanner capabilities with convenient printing and copying.

Many groundbreaking innovations in scanners, inkjets, and mass storage have also originated from the Boise site. The HP Boise site also has employees that work directly on many other successful HP products and services, including enterprise storage solutions and managed enterprise services.

(b) Company support of IEEE activities

The HP Boise Site Council and HP-Boise management were especially helpful this last year in supporting IEEE section activities.

They were also a huge sponsor for our main IEEE section social activity of the year, a special preview showing of the final Harry Potter movie. They helped with ticket sales and provided publicity for the event. They also bought a large block of tickets, which they gave back to the section to give away at an on-site IEEE membership recruitment event.

The Site Council helped publicize IEEE Boise Section and IEEE Boise Computer Society activities throughout the year through internal site mailing lists.

The Boise site also allows IEEE the use of site facilities at no cost. IEEE events held on site this last year included a FIRST Robotics demo by two local teams. This was a very popular event, and it helped raise awareness (and membership recruitment) for IEEE among HP engineers.

HP will often pay for professional dues for its employees, at manager discretion, and many HP-Boise engineers have been able to join IEEE because of HP sponsorship.

(c) Company contributions to the community

The HP Boise Site Council provides financial sponsorship to many groups and activities in Boise and across the Treasure Valley (Southwest Idaho.) This sponsorship has a meaningful impact on these groups.

Some of the STEM, educational, and engineering-related groups that currently receive HP-Boise sponsorship include:

- MATHCOUNTS
- Idaho Technology Council
- Idaho Public Television
- Boise State University “Discover Engineering” Day
- Idaho Discovery Center
- Society of Women Engineers (scholarship fund)
- Treasure Valley Math and Science Center (FIRST Robotics team)
- Idaho Community Foundation (iSTEM Educators)
- Science Olympiad

HP also supports numerous diversity events and programs in the Treasure Valley including

- Black History Museum
- Hispanic Educational Summit
- Girl Scouts – Leaders of today and tomorrow
- Idaho Inclusiveness Coalition
- Soul Food Extravaganza
- Idaho Human Rights Education Center
- Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho
- Pride Parade (Gay/Lesbian/Transgender)

HP-Boise employees are an enthusiastic, hard-working group, with a wealth of skills to share and a passion to give back to their community. To support their generosity, HP gives employees the time, tools, and technology to make a positive impact through pro bono work as well as skills-based and hands-on volunteering. To promote volunteering companywide, HP offers all employees four hours of company time each month to devote to volunteer efforts.

HP-Boise employees donate many thousands hours of expertise each year to volunteer projects in the local community. HP employees volunteer as coaches, mentors, and event judges for many local STEM activities including:

- FIRST Robotics
- FIRST Lego League
- Science Olympiad
- FutureCity
- Idaho Teach Engineering to Children (TECH)
- Riverstone International Science Competition

In addition, HP-Boise regularly provides teams of volunteers for other educational groups and activities, including:

- Idaho Public Television -- “HP night fund drive”
- Boise State University “Discover Engineering” Day – HP-Boise Young Employee Network organizes and staffs one of the day-long educational activities.

HP-Boise also holds a “Bring Your Inventor to Work Day” event each year. This event consists of many hands-on workshops, tours, and fun activities designed to get children excited about technology, engineering, and science. This event is wildly popular with students, parents, and volunteers alike.