



AWRA IWRM AWARD 2017 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)** approach to water resources has been a hallmark of AWRA since our establishment in 1964. AWRA recommends that water management goals, policies, programs, and plans be organized around the concept and is committed to helping organizations throughout the nation further its implementation.

To recognize excellence in the use of an IWRM approach to water resources projects, AWRA established this award to recognize outstanding IWRM work on water resources projects. Any consulting, government, nonprofit, or academic organization may submit projects for consideration. This award is presented annually, or at such time as there are qualified nominees.

Criteria for Award: This award recognizes outstanding IWRM teamwork on a water resources project. IWRM teams are widely recognized as essential to complex water management efforts. The project chosen for this award will be conducted by a team representing multiple disciplines such as engineering, biophysical science, economics, social science, law, and political science. The group will have developed a common project mission with defined responsibilities, and collaborated to achieve a water resources management objective. The project will encompass coordinated planning, development, protection, and management of water, land and related resources in a manner that fosters sustainable economic activity, improves or sustains environmental quality, ensures public health and safety, and provides for the sustainability of communities and ecosystems.

Procedure for Nominations: Credentials of projects for consideration for the award should be submitted to info@awra.org. Applications must be submitted electronically as one document and limited to 5mb in size to ensure delivery. **Applications are due June 12, 2017.** Please call 540-687-8390 or email info@awra.org with any questions concerning the submittal process.

Material to be submitted must include:

1. Names and disciplines of team members.
2. A description of the issue/problem.
3. How the project used an IWRM approach to solve/address the water resource issue or problem, which may include some or all of the following topics:
 - a) Addressed water, land, and related resources in an integrated and comprehensive manner.
 - b) Integrated planning, development and protection elements of management.
 - c) Encouraged collaboration in policies, programs and plans.
 - d) Addressed some or all of the following bullets:
 - Clean water and sanitation as basic human rights and an economic and ecological necessity
 - Participatory decision making
 - Project management as a collaborative exercise
 - Science and hydrologic principles
 - Adaptive management
 - Improvement of institutional capacity at all levels
 - e) Fostered sustainable economic activity, improved environmental quality, and ensured public health.
 - f) Measured results.
4. How the IWRM team approach resulted in significant improvements in:
 - a) Quality of solutions achieved.
 - b) Ability to create consensus and integrate diverse viewpoints.
 - c) Acceptability, efficiency, and effectiveness of solutions achieved.
5. External validation, in the form of one or more endorsement letters from customers or stakeholders.

The documentation must be thorough and address the nature of the attributes specified for the Award so that the IWRM Award Committee can make valid judgments.