Application

Energy Network Industry Innovation Award 2023

This award is in recognition of leadership in the design, development and application of a ground-breaking Australian energy network initiative, technology, service, or solution.
It may apply to asset management, distributed energy resources, operations, environment, business models, customer solutions and engagement or a range of other ways in which a business has developed an innovative solution for the energy network sector in Australia.

In conjunction with members ENA released an '**Energy Vision**' which describes how energy networks will work together and with customers using innovation to enable Australia's net-zero future.

Eligibility

The 2023 Innovation Award is open to regulated electricity and gas networks who hold a full membership with Energy Networks Australia.

Key dates

Applications open – 26 June 2023
Applications close – 21 July 2023

Shortlisted finalists notified – 21 August 2023

Shortlisted finalists video conference Q&A with judging panel – from 22-25 August 2023 (if required)

Award announcement
At ENA annual dinner on Thursday 14 September 2023 in Melbourne

Winners will

» Receive an award presented at the ENA annual dinner on Thursday 14 September 2022.

» Be recognised via the Energy Networks Australia website, and other publications, where appropriate.

» Receive two full registrations to the next Energy Networks Australia Conference + Exhibition (not transferable).

Guidelines

All entries must adhere to the following guidelines:

» The 2022 Innovation Award is open to regulated electricity and gas networks that hold a full membership with Energy Networks Australia. This excludes associates and affiliates of Energy Networks Australia and / or any external business partners or suppliers.

» Any Energy Networks Australia member company may nominate itself or another member and projects may also be collaborative activities between network businesses and their partners.

» Must clearly demonstrate the design, development and application of an innovative energy network technology, service, or solution in Australia.

» Must address the key judging criteria (the weighting for each question is indicated).

» Must adhere to the word limit for each question – extra words will be deleted from the application.

» Tangible outcome must be demonstrated between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 but it is recognised it may have commenced prior to this date and may be enduring.

» Entrants may submit only two entries for this category.

» Entrants may not submit projects that have previously been nominated for this award unless the entrant can demonstrate how the project is substantially different from, or includes a significant enhancement of, the previous year's entry.

How to make your submission

» Please submit your submission in Word format and the signed nomination form (see page 4 below).

» Please include up to five images and videos as part of your submission (note that not all items will be published in the report).

» Please provide a description for each item (eg Figure 1.....xxxx). Send images as separate files or through a file sharing service. Videos to be provided as links.

» Award application are due by close of business 21 July 2023.

» Email your application to awards@energynetworks.com.au.

» Any questions, please contact Hugo Twopeny 0474 340 999

» Information on past awards can be found on our **website**.

Terms and Conditions

All entries are subject to the following terms and conditions:

» All submissions become and remain the property of Energy Networks Australia.

» By submitting an entry, you consent to the information and imagery contained in the entry being reproduced in future Energy Networks Publications.

» To be eligible for this award, the nominating organisation must have been an Energy Networks Australia member between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

» Entries must be signed by the CEO of an Energy Networks Australia member organisation.

» By submitting an entry, entrants agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

» ENA is committed to ensuring that individuals whose details we hold understand our privacy practices, and that all information obtained is managed in line with our Privacy Policy. ENA's Privacy Policy is available on our **website**.

Application criteria

1. **Name of Project**

2. **Project partners** (If any)

3. **Project timeline** eg *October 2022 to May 2023*

4. **Location** eg *Tamworth, NSW*

5. **Funding** Please note any funding grants for the project, for example *ARENA*

6. **Themes** Please indicate any relevant **Energy Network Transformation Roadmap**, **Energy Vision** and **Gas Vision 2050** themes.

7. **Description** 100 words max. No weighting

   Please provide a high level overview of the project or innovation.

8. **Rationale** 100 words max. 10% weighting

   Why did you undertake this project? What were the goals and objectives of the project? What was the innovation need or problem to be solved?

9. **Approach** 200 words max. 10% weighting

   Please provide a description of the approach used which may include any collaborative processes used to engage partners, customers and stakeholders.

10. **Benefits, results and outcomes** 300 words max. 30% weighting

    Please provide evidence of the outcomes of the innovation or project. You may like to include:
    » Describe the outcomes of the project, product or solution.
    » How will this innovation improve outcomes for energy network customers?
    » Were the objectives achieved?
    » Describe what has been learnt from the project.

11. **Innovation indicators** 750 words max. 50% weighting

    How did the project meet the following indicators:
    » **Innovation leadership:** How did this advance existing technologies, services or techniques in the Australian or international energy system? How will this contribute to leading innovation across the energy network sector?
    » **Innovation impact:** How has this project led to changes in your organisation? How has this improved your organisation's approach to problem solving? What didn't go to plan but provided a useful insight for the future?
    » **Knowledge sharing:** What is the potential application of the project across the sector? What opportunities are you taking, or will take, to share learnings?
    » **Efficiency and productivity:** Does this project have the potential to improve the affordability, reliability and sustainability of the energy system and of network services?

12. **Optional background information** 500 words max. No weighting

    » Additional background information may be provided for the judging panel that will **not** be published (up to a maximum of 500 words). Please indicate which question the additional information relates to. Additional weighting will not be given to this section however, text included may be considered and weighted according to the relevant question.

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Nomination form

Nominating member organisation

Award application contact/s (You may include one or two contacts)

Full name

Job title

Work phone and mobile

Email

Full name

Job title

Work phone and mobile

Email

Chief Executive Officer name

Chief Executive Officer signature

Date