



ENTRY CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

18. RUSHLIGHT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AWARD

Award

Awarded to the most environmentally effective resource collection, separation and handling arrangements, systems and infrastructure for the whole second-to-end-use resource cycle, together with the management and exploitation of current and old landfills.

Background

The welcome increase in reuse, recycling, composting and energy from waste schemes and the prohibition of landfill usage for certain waste streams have put a significant burden on the waste industry, not least in the area of resource collection, separation and subsequent handling. This category is designed to cover the whole process which takes a resource that is not wanted by one consumer all the way to its end destination, whether that is reuse by another party, recycling or energy. Resource collection and handling has its own hierarchy and reuse and recycling requires significant infrastructure development. Landfill will continue to have a place in the waste disposal process for many years, especially in view of the legacy from the last century and the issue of hazardous waste streams. It is therefore in the best interests of the environment for landfill practices to be improving continually. Landfill sites are also a major source of materials and their exploitation potential is starting to be recognised.

Entrants

This award is designed to include all aspects of resource management, including collection and separation, redistribution, handling and landfill management. It incorporates any aspect of resource management that is not specifically covered by recycling, waste to energy, composting and anaerobic digestion and waste avoidance at source.

Purpose of the award

The award is designed to celebrate and publicise the significant achievements in the waste industry in developing ways to collect, separate and handle resources post their first economic use that lessen the holistic environment impact. This award can inform the consumer what is happening to improve resource stream management and to highlight areas where further investment and process improvements can have a beneficial effect.

Specific criteria

The key criteria that the judges will be focusing on are:

1. The importance and novelty of the innovation in addressing a specific issue (/20)
2. The “cleverness” of the innovation, which may include either its simplicity or its complexity (/20)
3. The evaluation of the innovation: the bigger the problem that has been solved or the greater the technology advancement that has been made the better (/15)
4. Whether and how the innovation can be replicated, sold or multiplied to increase the beneficial effect for society (/15)
5. Evidence of the efficacy or effect of the innovation (/10)
6. The holistic impact of the innovation on the environment. (/20)

Entry form

The Entry Form has the following sections to be completed:

- **Summary:** This is where you set out a synopsis of what the process or technology is and does. This summary will be used as the descriptor should you be shortlisted
- **Project status:** This is where you explain the stage that the project, innovation or technology has reached.
- **Description:** Please set out under this heading as much detail as you can to make the technology development, innovation or process understood. You can include confidential and commercially sensitive information here and it will be treated as such, provided you mark it as being sensitive.
- **Innovative aspect:** This is where you explain the really clever bit. How have you addressed the problem or avoided the issue or organized the process? Again, please mark “commercially sensitive” or “confidential information” accordingly.
- **Benefits:** This is where the evaluation of the concept will be made. Please include in here as much evaluated detail of the benefits as possible. Examples include some sense of financial benefit, cost savings, price adjustments, expected or achieved sales effects, greenhouse gas emission reductions or other directly attributable benefits of the process or technology. Third party verified data is especially valuable.
- **IP ownership:** Set out here who owns what patents associated with the technology and clarify precisely the development that has been achieved by the applicant organization(s).
- **Additional information:** No form can cater for all eventualities and so this provides space for further explanation or details.

Lastly, if the form does not provide enough space or the questions are not directly relevant, then please send further material as an attachment to your entry email. Up to two attachments can be sent, each one no more than 5Mb in size.