

# South Dakota Rural Water AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who is doing a great job? Goes above and beyond the call of duty? Has your water system achieved excellence this year – or has overcome some amazing challenges?

Give recognition where it is due by completing our Awards Nominations Form. Awards will be presented at the Awards Brunch at the ATC – January 11, 2018. **Application deadline is October 27, 2017.** Eligible nominees must be affiliated with a system member in good standing. The online form can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATCAwards](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATCAwards), or through a link on our website at: [www.sdarws.com/annual-conference.html](http://www.sdarws.com/annual-conference.html).

## WE ARE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

**RURAL WATER SYSTEM OF THE YEAR:** a member system who puts forth exceptional efforts to properly manage, operate, and maintain their drinking water system.

**RURAL WATER MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for a manager of a Rural Water System for outstanding performance in operating a Rural Water System.

**RURAL WATER OFFICE PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for an administrative employee of a Rural Water System for outstanding performance in office management and procedures

**RURAL WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for a State of South Dakota Certified Operator who is actively working a supervisory role for a Rural Water System, and has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability and/or accomplishments in drinking water.

**RURAL WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for a State of South Dakota Certified Operator who is actively working for a Rural Water System with outstanding leadership ability and/or accomplishments in drinking water.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for a municipal manager for outstanding performance in managing a municipality.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for an administrative employee of a municipality (i.e. clerk, finance officer, etc.) for outstanding performance in office management and procedures.

**MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR:** Recognition for a State of South Dakota Certified Operator who is actively working for a municipality with outstanding leadership ability/accomplishments in water.

**CARROLL ANDERSON MEMORIAL:** The Carroll Anderson Memorial Award is a tribute to the exemplary work of Carroll Anderson who gave generously of his time, talents, and efforts to the Kingbrook Rural Water System and the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. This award recognizes an individual's outstanding voluntary contributions to the advancement of rural community water systems in South Dakota, and is the greatest tribute the Association can bestow recognizing an individual's contributions to both the member system and to SDARWS.

**FRIEND OF RURAL WATER:** This distinguished honor is awarded to agencies, organizations, or individuals who have lent a hand in supporting this fantastic phenomenon we call Rural Water. The ability to provide life's essential need, water, to all the citizens of South Dakota was not done by one person or organization; it is a collective effort encompassing many.

**SPIRIT OF RURAL WATER:** This award is presented to an individual, business or group that goes above and beyond for a rural water system or rural water cause. South Dakota Rural Water wants to recognize exceptional rural water advocates that stand out from the pack because of their commitment to rural water issues and/or their passion for the job. Eligible candidates include rural and community water consumers, employees, directors, as well as lawmakers, businesses, or any person or group that puts forth a noble effort to advance rural water.

**DONALD B. POSPISHIL:** This award honors the work of Don Pospishil who dedicated many years of his life to helping small water systems across South Dakota. The Donald B. Pospishil Award is awarded to individuals who demonstrate leadership abilities in the water supply field, provide quality services to consumers, and exhibit professionalism and dedication while operating and maintaining a small water system.

*South Dakota Rural Water*  
**2017 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Years with System \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person making nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE AWARD:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water System of the Year                | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Office Person of the Year         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water Manager of the Year               | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Operations Specialist of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water Office Person of the Year         | <input type="checkbox"/> Carroll Anderson Memorial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water Operations Supervisor of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Rural Water                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water Operations Specialist of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit of Rural Water                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Manager of the Year                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald B. Pospishil                         |

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** Please provide a narrative for why this nominee deserves the award.  
(Outstanding accomplishments, contributions to system and state association, certifications, awards, exemplary work on legislative Issues, leadership, civic activities, etc.)

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**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS OCTOBER 27, 2017**

Please complete this entry form and mail to:  
SDARWS | Attn: Jeremiah | PO Box 287 | Madison, SD 57042  
or scan and email to [atc@sdarws.com](mailto:atc@sdarws.com)

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