

# 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?

**G**ive recognition where it is due by making an award nomination. Awards will be presented at the Awards Brunch at the ATC – January 13, 2022. **Application deadline is October 29, 2021.** 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).

WE ARE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

**Rural Water System of the Year:** Recognition for 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 Water/Wastewater System of the Year:** Recognizes a municipality who puts forth exceptional efforts to properly manage, operate, and maintain their drinking water and wastewater system.

**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.

**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 exhibits professionalism and dedication while operating and maintaining a small water system.