Regional Industry Innovations Award Program

NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 SUBMISSIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED!

ACS Regional Industrial Innovation Awards Program (RIIA) sponsored by the ACS Corporation Associates celebrates the successful innovations of industrial chemists and chemical engineers that contribute to the health of their local and regional economy and the corporate leadership for its advancement of a healthy economy. Awards are given to individuals and teams whose creative innovations have contributed to the commercial success of their company and, consequently, to the good of the community and society.

Why Place a Nomination?

- To recognize industrial researchers for their creative and valuable contributions
- To promote the importance of the chemical profession and the support of corporate leadership in advancing science
- To enhance the company's public image by promoting awareness about good science and successful commercialization
- To showcase the advances of industrial companies within your region
- To develop lasting goodwill in the community and higher employee morale within the company

As an added benefit, the honoree's company will enjoy a one-year complimentary membership to the ACS Corporation Associates (CA) if the company is not currently a CA member company. A representative from the company will be invited to attend an upcoming ACS National Meeting and participate in CA's meetings and ACS National Meeting activities. Travel assistance for the appointed representative may be available.

Event

- The event is held during a scheduled ACS Regional Meeting.
- Honoree(s) present a 20-minute talk on their innovation at a special symposium
- Honoree(s) are formally recognized and presented with an official ACS plaque

The event itself, presents a wonderful opportunity for one to peer into the world of industrial research and development. Networking is another important opportunity of the event and key to one’s professional development. You will have the unique opportunity to interact with ACS governance, corporate leadership, industrial chemists, and leaders from academe.

What is the criteria?

- The invention or innovation must demonstrate innovation, commercialization of a product or process, commercial success, and be a value to society.
- The work should have been done in the respective region.
- A patent should have been awarded for the product or process, although some commercial process innovations may also qualify if care is taken to explain the nature of the innovation.

Who is eligible?

- Nominees must be chemists or chemical engineers who are ACS members.
- For team nominations, only one member needs to be an ACS member.
• Those who are not ACS members but are employed by an ACS Corporation Associates member company qualify for nomination.

How to place a nomination?

• Any ACS member may submit a nomination for eligible chemists or chemical engineers. Management approval is required.
• A biographical sketch of the nominee(s) is required.
• A letter of not more than 1,000 words containing an evaluation of the nominee's accomplishments, description of the invention or innovation, listing of relevant patents, publications, or reports
• To apply online download a nomination form from (http://www.chemistry.org/portal/resources/ACS/ACSContent/industry/riia_nominationform.pdf) to fax, email, or snail mail in. (Nominations will remain valid for three years unless the nominator indicates otherwise.) The deadline for the 2007 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM) is March 23, 2007.
• Completed nomination package should be sent via e-mail to cheminnovations@acs.org. If faxing please use 202-872-6098. Please mail completed packages to the attention of Joy Titus-Young, American Chemical Society, Office of Corporation Associates, 1155 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.