

Florida “Excellence in Technology” Awards

Overview and Instructions

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Florida’s “Excellence in Technology” awards have been established to recognize state and local government information technology (IT) projects and professionals demonstrating excellence and providing value to the State of Florida and its citizens. The recognition process is a collaboration between the Agency for State Technology (AST) and e.Republic/Government Technology (GovTech), who hosts the annual Florida Digital Government Summit each May, where the winners will be announced.

Timeline for 2017 Awards Process

- Feb 24 – Nomination instructions and form(s) distributed; nominations open
- March 17 – Project Nominations due (PDF emailed to awards@ast.myflorida.com)
- March 17 – Individual Nominations due (name/verbiage emailed to awards@ast.myflorida.com)
- March 31 – Eligibility Reviews completed by AST
- May 18-19 – Awards presented during the Florida Digital Government Summit

The following awards will be presented:

1. **Project Awards:** Recognize superlative IT projects completed during the prior two calendar years (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016), which demonstrate benefits and value for the State of Florida and its citizens. Final determination of award will be made by e.Republic.
2. **Agency Individual Awards:** Recognize individuals in agency IT organizations (maximum of one per agency) for “above and beyond” performance that translates into results providing benefits and value for the State of Florida and its citizens. There is no judging. The agency’s submission is that agency’s winner.
3. **Statewide Individual Award:** Recognize a single individual from the list of agency individual awards as “Florida Information Technology Professional of the Year”, for his/her outstanding performance and results in providing benefits and value for the State of Florida and its citizens. Final determination of award will be made by e.Republic.

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Project Awards

State and local government projects completed between January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 are eligible for nomination. Nominations must be made by the agency’s Chief Information Officer (CIO), IT Director, or delegate.

To nominate a project:

1. Complete the Project Nomination Form (Word document) posted on AST's website (under Publications): <http://www.ast.myflorida.com/publications.asp>
2. Completed nomination should be no more than 7 pages in length using the format provided.
3. Save as PDF.
4. Email the PDF to awards@ast.myflorida.com no later than March 17, 2017.

Agencies may submit multiple project nominations.

Agency Individual Awards

State and local government IT professionals are eligible, with the exception of CIOs and IT Directors. Selection of the "Agency IT Professional of the Year" is made by the agency's CIO, IT Director, or delegate.

Only one submittal per agency will be accepted for the Agency IT Professional of the Year award.

To submit an individual (one per agency), email the following information to awards@ast.myflorida.com no later than March 17, 2017:

1. Agency name
2. Name and job title of individual
3. Brief description (25 words or less) of individual's accomplishments, to be printed on the award certificate.
4. (Optional) Additional description of individual's accomplishments (100 words or less) as justification for consideration as Florida IT Professional of the Year.

Statewide Individual Award

From the submittals for "Agency IT Professional of the Year", a single recipient will be selected as the State of Florida's IT Professional of the Year.

No additional action is needed by agencies beyond submittal of their "Agency IT Professional of the Year".