



ISGAN Award of Excellence Nominations Now Open

The Awards Opportunity for Global Recognition

The International Smart Grid Action Network (ISGAN) Award of Excellence and the CEM Empowering People Initiative (EPI) showcase leadership and innovation in workforce development for smart grid projects around the world and highlight the tremendous value of highly skilled and diverse workers in developing smarter, more flexible electric grids.

ISGAN and EPI seek projects that exemplify excellence in Smart Grid Workforce Development to apply to the 8th ISGAN Award of Excellence.

Theme: Excellence in Smart Grid Workforce Development for an Inclusive Energy Transition

A push to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 will require more than increasing our ambition around green infrastructure and green financing. It will require a highly skilled and diverse workforce that draws on talent from all sectors and all corners of society. A successful transition will also work to promote just and equitable transitions for workers and communities to ensure that no one is left behind. Recognizing the critical role of smart grids in the clean energy transition, and equally recognizing the necessity of innovative workforce development for achieving a just and equitable transition, ISGAN and EPI would like to highlight companies, organizations, and institutions that demonstrate leadership and innovation in smart grid projects and technologies while actively promoting novel approaches to developing the skilled and diverse workforce necessary for smart grids' success.

Competition Details

- The official rules of this ISGAN Award of Excellence competition and detailed application guidance can be found on the ISGAN website, <http://www.iea-isgan.org/award2022>. The deadline for nominations is **21 January 2022**.
- Eligible projects include those that demonstrate innovative approaches to workforce development for smart grids, including, but not limited to: training aimed at all career levels, such as attracting youth or re-skilling senior workers; professional development for youth; supporting worker transition; recruiting and retaining underrepresented communities; addressing structural discrimination; strategies to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion; and promoting access to affordable clean electricity for under-privileged communities.
- Submissions will be judged by a jury of international experts organized by ISGAN and the Empowering People Initiative (EPI). The jury will select one or more winning projects using the primary criteria (potential social impact, innovation, and potential for replication or adaptation) and two secondary criteria (economic rationale and consumer service, access, and affordability).
- Winners will be contacted in early March 2022. They will receive prestigious recognition during an awards ceremony at the Thirteenth Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM13). They will be also recognized in ISGAN and EPI products and events, affirming them as global exemplars of excellence. (Holding of the on-site ceremony will depend on health guidance regarding COVID-19)

Nominations Period Opens 15 November 2021	Nominations Period Closes 21 January 2022	Winners Notified 21 March 2022	CEM13 Awards Ceremony September 2022
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About ISGAN: Launched in 2010, the International Smart Grid Action Network is a Clean Energy Ministerial initiative and International Energy Agency Technology Collaboration Programme that brings together 27 countries from five continents and the European Commission to advance the global deployment of smarter, cleaner, more flexible electricity grids

About EPI: Launched in 2021, the CEM Empowering People Initiative seeks to highlight the socio-economic elements of the energy transition that relate to empowering people and promoting just and equitable transitions: skills, inclusivity and workforce development.