



OFFICIAL AWARD CATEGORIES FOR THE 4th EDITION OF THE GHANA ENERGY AWARDS

GEA '20 Theme: Excelling in Crisis: The Energy Sector in a Covid-19 Era.

Below is the description of the various award categories and respective scoring criteria for this year's event. Keen attention should be paid to the scoring criteria when filing nominations. Kindly note that, nomination documents submitted must fall within the **Year in Review (October 2019 – October 2020)** to qualify as a nominee.

Competitive Awards:

1. Energy Personality of the Year

Our Apex Award is given to an outstanding individual who achieved widespread success and approval in the energy sector through his/her actions and achievements that positively benefited the sector and Ghana as a whole. Both public and private sector personalities are considered under this category. Male and female recipients are however awarded separately.

- a. Male
- b. Female

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. How they played their role as an industry leader during the year under review
- ii. All round achievements
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iv. Strategic vision

2. CEO of the Year

This category is for Chief Executive Officers or Managing Directors who during the Covid-19 era, through leadership and strategy have kept their employees working, paid, safe, and informed while achieving growth and maintaining profitability. It will also recognise efforts by such individuals to help the general public during this period.

- a. Power
- b. Petroleum

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. How they played their role as a corporate Head
- ii. Achievements chalked for the company and shareholders
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review in the company, in the energy market and in the community at large.
- iv. Strategic vision

3. Rising Star Award

Given to a young and upcoming individual in the energy sector, who through his/her work and contribution has proven that success and recognition is achievable even during the difficulties presented by Covid-19. Individual must be between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Achievements
- ii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iii. Potential
- iv. Strategic vision

4. Energy Institution of the Year

Awarded to an organisation, academic institution, NGO or public institution, who through its operations and innovation was able to positively impact the energy sector, the community, and Ghana as a whole.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Strategic policy actions during the year in review
- ii. Impacts of achievements on the economy
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iv. Innovation
- v. Benefits to the community/society from their actions

5. Energy Company of the Year

Awarded to a company that proved that it leads by example as it achieved impeccable results and reputation within the energy sector. The nominee must have exhibited all round leadership in the industry, in terms of continuity of operations, protection of workers interest and profitability attained even during this Covid-19 environment.

- a. Power
- b. Petroleum
- c. Renewable

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Strategic Covid-19 response policy
- ii. Achievements
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iv. Innovative steps to contain the corona virus at the workplace
- v. Benefits of company to the community from their actions

6. Innovation Project of the Year

Awarded to either an individual or an organization in the energy sector who came up with an innovative idea, technology, product or solution to tackle Covid-19. **Nominee must provide a “What motivated you?” story.**

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Social impact of the project
- ii. Challenge solved
- iii. Innovative step
- iv. Safety compliance
- v. Commercial viability of product/solution/technology

7. Emerging Energy Company of the Year

Awarded to a company, who is rapidly growing in the energy sector by establishing itself as a significant player in the industry and excelling within the space that it operates in.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Achievements
- ii. Growth and progress
- iii. Operational excellence
- iv. Innovation
- v. Strategic vision

8. Energy Consultancy Service Organisation of the Year

Service companies/institutions that have played impeccable and specific advisory roles to the energy sector that differentiate them from their peers.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Operational excellence
- ii. Policy direction
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iv. Innovation
- v. Nature of service(s) provided

9. Brand of the Year

Awarded to a company that excelled in the way it presented and communicated to the public during the Covid-19 era, while building widespread brand recognition and loyalty.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Communications programme
- ii. Brand recognition and acceptance
- iii. Operational excellence
- iv. Achievements

10. Corporate Social Responsibility of the Year

This Award will go to an organisation in the energy sector that has made the most exceptional contribution and commitments to overcoming the challenges presented by the Covid-19 to ensure the well-being of the general public through immense efforts to give back to society.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Contributions to society (indicate both in-cash/kind)
- ii. Value of the impact on society
- iii. Challenges solved
- iv. Spatial coverage of the project

11. Excellence in Power Generation

The nominee must be distinguished by an innovative design and engineering upgrades, producing more reliable with less downtime, economically cheaper compared to the other plants or demonstrating a new generation using environmental technology in an efficient manner.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Power generation efficiency
- ii. Eco-friendliness
- iii. Operational excellence (Absence of labour issues)
- iv. Safety compliance
- v. Proof of reliability with less downtime.

12. Clean Energy Initiative of the Year

Recognises initiatives that demonstrate a strategic approach to tackling carbon emissions. The carbon footprint of the respective company or locality must have reduced significantly after the introduction of the initiative.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Reduction in carbon emissions (indicate levels)
- ii. Operational excellence

- iii. Contribution to the attainment of UN 2030 sustainable energy objectives.
- iv. Innovation
- v. Benefits to the community from their actions

13. Off-Grid Energy Solution of the Year

Sustainable off-grid project or investment with the aim of providing a business model that is cost-effective and affordable electrification to deprived communities in an environmentally friendly manner. The project must be a generation from a mix of renewable energy resources to satisfy electrical needs and must be very reliable.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Operational excellence
- ii. Cost-effectiveness
- iii. Benefits to communities/institution (social and economic impact)
- iv. Innovation
- v. Eco-friendliness

14. Energy Reporter of the Year

Awarded to outstanding journalist and media personnel, who was able to impact the energy sector and the community through sound reporting and outstanding work. The nominee must have presented relevant and credible industry and breaking news.

Nominee must attach a copy of the outstanding report that made the impact.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Excellence in reporting
- ii. Reportage impact on energy industry
- iii. Proficiency in reporting
- iv. Readership coverage

Non-competitive Awards:

15. Osagyefo Young Leadership Award

Given to a young and upcoming individual in the energy sector, who through his/her work and contribution has proven that success and recognition is achievable even during the difficulties presented by Covid-19. Individual must be aged thirty-five (35) to forty-five (45) years.

16. Women in Energy Excellence Award

This award goes to women in the energy sector with outstanding career achievements and prospects (in areas of policy development and advocacy, research, field operations,



administrative fields among many others) with proven track record in energy service delivery. They should be seen as a source of inspiration to the younger generation of women that women can still succeed in a male-dominated industry.

17. Exemplary Leadership Award

Given to a political figure who through power and influence has contributed to the growth and success of the energy sector as a whole over the year in review.

18. Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded to a generally accepted individual who through their actions and influence, helped nurture and shape the energy sector of Ghana to evolve over the years to get it to where it is today.

GEA Recognition Salute

A recognition of efforts of all industry players and frontline health workers for their invaluable contributions to help fight the Covid-19 pandemic.