

# NPCA BEST PRACTICES AWARD

## Open to Both Producer and Associate Members



### DEADLINE:

**Dec. 1, 2023**

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### SUBMISSION:

Email your entry form and all attachments to Hugh Martin, [hmartin@precast.org](mailto:hmartin@precast.org), or mail your complete package to NPCA Attn: NPCA Best Practices Award, 1320 City Center Drive Suite 200 Carmel, IN 46032

### PROPRIETARY PRODUCTS

The spirit of program is to share best practice ideas that can be implemented by others throughout the industry. While proprietary products may qualify as a best practice as defined by the awards criteria, they fall outside of the spirit of the program.

When an innovative idea incorporates the use of a proprietary products, proprietary names should be omitted from the entry to preserve objectivity of the judging. In such instances, proprietary names may be included as part of award winner announcements.

### For more information, contact:

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The NPCA Best Practices Award recognizes industry best practices and improvements that showcase the best way to do a job, treat the environment, save money and more. This award recognizes the precast industry's best sustainable practices and innovations, along with safety and lean manufacturing processes that improve life, not just for the community and environment but on the production floor, too. This is an opportunity to showcase your innovations.

### Entry Guidelines

Open to both Producer and Associate members, the NPCA Best Practices Award spotlights precast industry innovations, including lean manufacturing and sustainability-focused programs.

**Any industry best practice qualifies for entry.** There's no limit to what constitutes "industry best practice," but the following are some sustainability- and lean manufacturing-related categories to assist in your application.

New innovations that change plant practices, better the plant production environment or benefit the company in any way should be submitted. We want to recognize you.

#### Sustainability Categories

Human  
Social  
Environmental  
Economic

#### Lean Manufacturing Categories

Eliminating Waste  
Continuous Improvement  
Organization  
Safety

### Program Requirements

Facilities may submit multiple entries provided they cover a different aspect of the company or job site. Each entry must have been initiated (in the case of a practice) or completed (in the case of a project) within five years of the submittal deadline. Each entry may be submitted a maximum of two times. However, if a submittal wins a Best Practices Award upon its first entry, it is no longer eligible. You must be a member of NPCA in good standing at the time of submittal and when the awards are announced.

### ENTRY FORM

Company Name (as it should appear on an award): \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person submitting entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Type:  Producer  Associate

#### Executive Summary: (250 words max)

- Problem to be addressed, if any
- Goal of implementing best practice
- Benefits seen after implementation

#### List the sustainable, lean or other best practice attributes of the entry:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Description of Best Practice (750 words max):

Detail the nature of your entry, focusing on the impact of your best practice and its results. Reference drawings or photos attached with your submission.



Entries will be evaluated per the rubric below. Entrants are encouraged to identify best practice categories in addition to sustainability and lean categories listed on the application. What is your plant doing to make internal operations better, or reduce your environmental impact, or minimize waste, or just to make things better? The Engineering & Technology Committee's Best Practices Task Force wants to know.

5	Extremely innovative, well documented and adoptable by others
4	Innovative, well documented and described
3	Good example of best practice; can be adopted by others
2	Good idea, but not necessarily recommended for all
1	Common practice; not necessarily innovative
0	Not applicable

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BEST PRACTICE CATEGORY	ITEM	SCORING 0-5	COMMENTS
Sustainability	Human		
Sustainability	Social		
Sustainability	Environmental		
Sustainability	Economics		
Lean	Eliminating Waste		
Lean	Continuous Improvement		
Lean	Organization		
Lean	Safety		
<b>SCORE:</b>			

**PUBLICITY AGREEMENT**

NPCA has the right to publish any or all materials submitted as an entry or part thereof. This includes the right to publish without compensation the photographs and names of entrants and projects submitted to the program. All submissions become the property of NPCA and are not returnable.