



# ***Sustainability***

## ***Award Program***

Entry Packet

For 2021 Award

***Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers  
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Springfield, Illinois 62704***

***Entry Deadline is January 31, 2021***

# IAAP Sustainability Award

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## Scope

This award was established to provide recognition to an IAAP member mining or processing facility or an associate member company that has identified ways and implemented solutions that increase product, service and vendor efficiency, and/or reduce energy demands and negative environmental impact, and improve employee and community satisfaction.

## Who is eligible for this award?

Open to any IAAP member mining or processing facility or an associate member company whose operation applying for this award is located in Illinois. This operation shall be involved in the aggregates industry and have implemented an innovative solution with proven results.

## How will my company and/or its employees be recognized for their leadership efforts?

The award recipient will be recognized in three ways.

1. You will receive a plaque suitable for display and/or other award recognition as determined by the IAAP Sustainability Committee.
2. IAAP staff and/or a Sustainability Committee member will present the award at the facility or at the IAAP Annual Convention. A photo will be taken of the award presentation for publication in the IAAP Update Newsletter. A press release with the photo may be sent to the local newspaper(s). A press conference may be scheduled, if feasible.
3. You will be recognized at the IAAP Annual Convention.

## How may I determine if what my company is doing, or has done, is “sustainable”?

The IAAP’s *Self-Assessment Guide to Sustainable Commerce* (available for download here: [www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html](http://www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html)) has been tailored for the mining industry and can be used as a guide with examples of sustainability on the IAAP’s website ([www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html](http://www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html) and [www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability-committee.html](http://www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability-committee.html)). You may also ask a Sustainability Committee member.

## My company deserves this recognition! How do I submit an award entry?

IAAP members may apply for this award by submitting the required information detailed below and on the last page of this entry packet. You may request assistance and perhaps a site visit by Sustainability Committee members who can provide some help putting together your award application.

When submitting the application, describe the challenge or problem you solved or improved that resulted in a sustainable outcome. We suggest you address some of the following topics:

- **Innovation** - what are you doing that is above and beyond what is minimally required by an agency or by regulation? What have you initiated? What have you improved upon to achieve a more sustainable output? What policies have you implemented to address sustainability?
- **Leadership** - How has/have your company leadership and/or personnel been proactive and pushed for new sustainable or innovative practices, materials, etc.? What are you doing to encourage others to use new, sustainable methods or initiatives? How do you educate others about your efforts? Will the new practices be applicable to others in the industry?
- **Internal Company Practices** – Using the IAAP’s *Self-Assessment Guide to Sustainable Commerce* as a guide, what do you do in your workplace to improve sustainability? (Guide available for download here: [www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html](http://www.iaap-aggregates.org/sustainability1.html))
- **Project Sustainability Metrics** - What methods does your company use to measure/quantify sustainability benefits? This may include environmental, social, and economic measures as well as strides to comply with guidance or certification from non-governmental organizations.
- **Implementation** - How do/did you put the sustainability efforts highlighted in this award application into practice?
- **Industry Involvement** - What groups do you actively work with within the industry, community, or larger representation? Are there groups that you participate in outside the industry that contribute to achieving higher levels of sustainability in your company? Please outline how you may have led these groups or contributed to their goals.
- **Employee Involvement.** Consider how the individuals closest to the daily work make decisions that improve sustainability. Be creative. This is your opportunity to demonstrate that "special something" that sets you apart from the others - your core competency.

### **When and to whom must the entry be submitted?**

Your entry must be received by the IAAP no later than **January 31, 2021** to be considered for the award. Address your entry to Shawn McKinney in the IAAP office or send it by email to: [shawn@iaap-aggregates.org](mailto:shawn@iaap-aggregates.org).

### **In what manner are applications judged?**

Each entry will be screened by IAAP staff to ensure it is complete.

Impartial membership of the IAAP Sustainability Committee during a regular Committee meeting will judge all complete entries, keeping in mind the suggested topics outlined above, and determine the winning facility and/or company that has made a significant advancement towards sustainability as described in your award application. You may be present for the judging process in order to answer questions or provide additional clarification.

Selection of the Sustainability Award will be based upon “majority vote” of the IAAP Sustainability Committee after at least two rounds of voting. Committee members will not be allowed to vote for their own company.

**When will I know if I received the award?**

The IAAP staff will contact you prior to the IAAP Annual Convention.

**Will the criteria change in the future?**

The IAAP Sustainability Committee will evaluate the program annually and recommend modifications and adjustments. Any changes will be announced before the deadline for entry.

**Who do I contact if I have questions?**

The IAAP staff can answer questions regarding administration of the program or refer you to a member of the Sustainability Committee.



## IAAP Sustainability Award Application

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Your award entry should include this page as its cover with information completed in the box below and responses to the suggested topics outlined above. Provide no more than two more pages (12-point font with at least 1 inch margins) describing your sustainability efforts.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name and Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (office and cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you, or an employee of your company, an active member (participating in conference call meetings) of the IAAP Sustainability Committee?**     YES     NO

**If YES (and it's not you), name of committee member:** \_\_\_\_\_