

SAFETY AWARDS 2024

OBJECTIVES

The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) acknowledges the rail industry's contribution and commitment to safe transportation. It encourages the industry to continue adopting better working and operating practices, and enhances general public awareness of rail safe practices. The annual RAC Safety Awards recognizes member initiatives that demonstrate outstanding contribution & leadership in safety, in three different categories.

ELIGIBILITY

A safety initiative is eligible if it promotes safe transportation by a member railway, its employees, customers, suppliers or by any other stakeholders identified by a member.

CATEGORIES

Any initiative can qualify in any of the following categories:

1. North American Class 1 freight
2. Non-Class 1 freight
3. Passenger (intercity, tourist, commuter)

The Safety and Operations Management Committee (SOMC), upon recommendation from the selection committee, will select the safety initiative of the year in each category, based on the award criteria.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations shall be submitted in the form of an executive summary or letter describing the initiative and explaining why it should be selected. You are invited to use the electronic nomination form and to provide any relevant supporting material.

Annual nominations shall be restricted to one initiative per RAC member railway per category.

Deadline For Submitting Entries:
June 28, 2024

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The winner will receive a commemorative award and public/industry recognition.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria are intended to be fair, thus it does not take into account the size or resources of the company submitting the initiative. To this effect, North American Class 1 freight, non-Class 1 freight, and passenger railways are not competing in the same categories. A detailed description of criteria appears in the official nomination form.

UNIQUE AND/OR ORIGINAL

Initiative will be rated for its uniqueness, i.e. is a new initiative and represents a true breakthrough.

INNOVATIVE

Initiative is innovative in its design or the application breaks away from the traditional approach.

PREVENTATIVE OR CORRECTIVE

Initiative is designed, or implemented, at the planning stage of a project, therefore is a preventative project.

COST EFFECTIVE

Initiative is cost effective if it brings a return on invested capital or effort to the company, its employees, its customers, its partners or to rail safety.

EXPORTABLE

Initiative can be implemented, adopted, adapted or used by the industry, another company, its clients, or its partners without any major constraints.

POPULAR SUPPORT

Initiative will be measured by its endorsement by employees, customers, neighbours etc.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Initiative will be measured by its official recognition/ acknowledgement (i.e., reported in the papers, mentioned by CTA, TC, TSB, etc.).

RAC is very proud to recognize the following members for their outstanding leadership in the areas of safety: CN, Cando Rail & Terminals, Rocky Mountaineer, Toronto Terminals Railway and Metrolinx as the winners of the RAC's Safety Awards 2023.

"CN's Near Miss and Hazard reporting system allows employees to proactively identify issues across the network. It not only gives us a boost forward in our goal of reaching zero injuries, but also demonstrates the culture of collaboration and trust that is evolving within CN."

- Carolyn David, Senior Manager,
Safety Systems, CN