

# WEAO AWARD PROGRAM FOR EXEMPLARY RESIDUALS & BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT

NOMINATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 23, 2026**

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this award program is to recognize and promote significant contributions in the field of residuals & biosolids management in Ontario.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

The award will recognize excellence demonstrated by practitioners in one of the following categories:

1. **Full-scale Operating Programs.**
2. **Technology Innovation or Development.**
3. **Significant Research.**
4. **Public Outreach and Knowledge Transfer.**

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the award may be submitted by anyone including the nominee, WEAO members, municipalities, consultants, researchers, the general public, or other interested parties. Nominees do not have to be members of WEAO.

Nominated entries may include both individuals and groups from either private or public organizations that demonstrate excellence in the area of residuals & biosolids management. This includes but is not necessarily limited to producers, users, land appliers, researchers, technology developers, haulers, and farming organizations.

**Completed nomination packages must be submitted to the WEAO office by the deadline.**

For more information, see:

- [The Nomination and Evaluation Guidance Document](#)
- [A list of past recipients of the R&B Award](#)
- Water Environment Association of Ontario | [Awards \(weao.org\)](https://www.weao.org)

## AWARDS SELECTON

A maximum of one award will be considered per category. To be considered for an award, the nomination must obtain an overall score of 85% or greater and demonstrate exemplary achievement. The award winner of any category will be determined based on the following:

- Highest overall score of the nominations within a category, and
- Most significant contribution to the success of residuals and biosolids management programs in Ontario, and/or
- Greatest benefits in reducing public concerns and increasing public acceptance.

