

California Exposition & State Fair Press Release

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2018 Champion of Technology Awards

SACRAMENTO – The California State Fair and the Department of Technology are now accepting nominations for the 2018 Champion of Technology Awards through February 23, 2018.

The California State Fair, in partnership with the California Department of Technology, will select two technology champions for remarkable contributions to California's technology industry, one in the Individual Category, and the other in the Project/ Organization Category. Nominees must demonstrate a benefit to California through commendable technological achievement. Technology-focused areas can include agriculture, health, education or other state benefits. Nominations are welcome from all technology sectors including public, private, foundation, or agricultural.

Award winners will be presented with the Champion of Technology Award at the AG Day festivities on the steps of the Capitol on March 21, 2018 and acknowledged at the annual State Fair Gala in June.

In 2017, Champion of Technology Award recipients were Bryan M. Sostokas, Chief Information Officer and Director of Technology & Innovation for the City of Long Beach, and Aire, a national and international leader in providing cutting-edge technology for the blind and visually impaired.

AWARDS: Champion of Technology Award, Individual Category
Champion of Technology Award, Organizational Category

ELIGIBILITY: Open to California residents and organizations/
businesses headquartered in California.

NOMINATIONS INSTRUCTIONS: Nomination forms and supporting documentation must be emailed by February 23, 2018 to both of the following:

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About the California State Fair

Established in 1854, the California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate California's achievements, industries, agriculture, and diversity of its people, traditions and trends that shape the Golden State's future. We invite you to join us for the 165th California State Fair July 13 - 29, 2018.

NOMINATION FORM

2018 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

Champion of Technology Award | INDIVIDUAL

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING FOR 2018 CHAMPION OF TECHNOLOGY:

Nominee: _____

Business/ Organization: _____

Email/Phone Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLETE NOMINATION:

In addition to this form, a minimum one-page written nomination must be submitted highlighting the nature of the nominee's technological achievements and the impact their innovation has had in the lives of Californians. Supporting documents, such as news articles, will be accepted, but cannot be submitted in lieu of the written nomination.

Submit the nomination form, the written nomination, and any supporting documents no later than February 23, 2018 by email to the addresses provided in the press release.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Resident of California.
- The nominee can be from any technology industry and sector (public, private, or foundation).
- The nominee will be judged on outstanding technological contribution to the State of California and on innovation that has made a difference in the lives of Californians.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Email/Phone: _____

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Headquarters based in California.
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- The nominee will be judged on outstanding technological contribution to the State of California and on innovation that has made a difference in the lives of Californians.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Email/Phone: _____