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# 2012 NPA Awards for Professionalism Place Your Nomination



**NPA Recognizes Individuals for  
Excellence in the Networking Industry**

The Network Professional Association® (NPA) proudly announces the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Awards for Professionalism, which honors IT workers for their commitment to the ideals of the NPA. Candidacy is open to all networking professionals worldwide through an online nomination process that closes March 1, 2012. Winners selected best exhibit a commitment to technical proficiency, ethical business practices, credential advancement, and ongoing achievement.

Awards for Professionalism winners will be honored with dining and celebration the evening of May 7, 2012 in Las Vegas Nevada. The profiles and achievements of the 2012 winners will be on display as models of professionalism. Award winners receive a personalized trophy and valuable gifts. Program details and descriptions of previous winners may be viewed at [AwardsforProfessionalism.org](http://AwardsforProfessionalism.org)

**Now accepting submissions in these 2012 award categories:**

### **Best Networking Professional – Career Achievement Award**

This award honors a network computing professional who has demonstrated years of the highest ideals of the network computing professional. This individual serves as a role model in the network computing community and may be considered by peers as an industry luminary.

### **Professional Excellence and Innovation Award**

This award honors the network computing professional or team who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and the innovative use of networking technology and/or products for a particular networking project within the past 12 months.

Entries are accepted within the following subcategories:

- **Corporate Fortune X**
- **Corporate Small Business**
- **Education**
- **Government**
- **Independent Network Contractor**

### **Best Mentor Award**

This award honors the networking professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and the accomplished mentor.

### **Top of the Mark - Volunteer Award**

This award honors the networking professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and is a notable example of the best in giving back through selfless effort.

## AWARD ENTRY GUIDELINES

Please prepare a nomination for yourself, or your nominee. Nominations are accepted for any individual who has upheld their role in the computing industry. Visit [www.AwardsForProfessionalism.org](http://www.AwardsForProfessionalism.org) to obtain nomination form and instructions.

**Complete and submit nomination to NPA before the submission deadline to:  
Network Professional Association at [awards@npa.org](mailto:awards@npa.org).**

The categories in awards were selected by the Network Professional Association to establish a base for professionalism and ethics upheld by the industry member.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one Award for Professionalism may be awarded in each category or subcategory; all categories may not be awarded. NPA reserves the right to decline any nomination or withhold an award for lack of sufficiency. Individuals and companies may submit nominations in more than one category, however if the same individual is nominated for more than one category only the first entry or the nominee's choice will be considered. Nominations may be resubmitted in subsequent years. NPA will notify you of the receipt of your entry via email.

Winners will be notified approximately 3 weeks before the Awards ceremony. Winners may be asked to provide addition information, media clips, photography or personal presentation for public display.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of editorial and networking professionals including persons with special expertise in the specific categories. Evaluation is based on criteria significant to the values of the Network Professional Association.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: Deadline for all submissions is Midnight Pacific Time, March 1, 2012**

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Network Professional Association® (NPA) launched the first Awards for Professionalism at Interop in 2002 as an answer to the need to give recognition to accomplished network computing professionals who have been instrumental in setting and acting on the standards and the building the network computing industry as it is today.

As in the first year of the awards the NPA asks for industry partners (The Consortium) to lend their accolades and support to this special event. It is exciting to be involved in the Awards for Professionalism, to associate with great partners, and to meet some of the very fine candidates and winners. It is so important to recognize and promote outstanding achievements of professionals within the network computing industry.

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