

**2026**



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The Network Hero Award acknowledges an individual whose work has contributed to the significant improvement of a community's road network and pavement assets. Award winners can demonstrate the ways in which their planning and decision-making has positively influenced the overall condition of the network over time.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Submitters must include a high-level summary in paragraph form and attach relevant documentation with their submission.

All nominations must be sponsored by a member of AEMA, ARRA, and/or ISSA. Sponsorship, in this case simply means that a member company has agreed to have their name included on the nomination submission. It does not require any cost to the sponsoring company, nor does it require the member company to act as submitters. Member companies may sponsor or submit multiple nomination submissions.

**ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS:**

Word documents, Powerpoints, JPEG and PNG images, PDFs and Excel documents.

**UPON COMPLETION OF THE FORM (FOLLOWING PAGE):**

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Email this form and any documents that demonstrate success or support the submission with the subject line 2026 Network Hero Award Submission. Where relevant, we recommend that you include historical data, plans/ approaches, and/or photos to tell the story. In some cases, it may be easiest to compile imagery and graphics into a single file (slide presentation or PDF) to include accompanying commentary or explanation.

**QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSION**

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Email [alim@cmservices.com](mailto:alim@cmservices.com) for more information.

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## SCORING RUBRIC (FOR REFERENCE)

**01: NETWORK STRATEGIES:**

Does the submitter demonstrate decision-making, strategic plans, and results that deliver on the health of the network overall? **(1-10)**

**02: OVERCOMING HURDLES:**

Has the submitter overcome significant hurdles (Ex, political, public, significant growth, significant loss, or budget related issues)? **(1-10)**

**03: TREATMENT TOOLBOX:**

Does the submitter leverage a broad variety of treatments? Preservation, recycling, and emulsions are scored individually for a cumulative score.

- Preservation **(1-5)**
- Recycling **(1-5)**
- Emulsion-based material **(1-5)**

**04: DEMONSTRABLE SUCCESS:**

Has the submitter included detailed, publicly sharable documentation that demonstrates success over time (ie, network condition graphs, articles, budget allocations or savings, before/after photos etc)? **(1-5)**

**05: TIME:**

How quickly has success been achieved? **(1-5)**

**06: NEWSWORTHINESS:**

Does the submitter demonstrate compelling planning and behavior that should be shared with others as an example of network championship? Are there novel approaches that should be shared with others across the industry? Is it unique/can it add something new to the conversation? **(1-5)**

# 2026 NOMINATION SUBMISSION FORM

## SUBMITTER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## WHO ARE YOU NOMINATING?

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

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORING PPRA MEMBER

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

**AEMA**

**ARRA**

**ISSA**

## NOMINATION SUMMARY

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Please provide a high-level summary of this nomination (*limit 400 words*)

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**PLEASE GIVE A CONSIDERATION TO THE  
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN YOUR SUBMISSION.**

- 01:** What kind of network level progress can you demonstrate over what time period? (I.e. network condition improved by 10 points in 10 years). Include any additional info like reduction of backlog, increase in roads in good condition or decrease of roads in poor condition, etc.
- 02:** What treatments are in your treatment toolbox today? How have you expanded that treatment toolbox throughout your leadership? What other treatments are you considering introducing?
- 03:** Do you have a plan for how you will improve your network? If so, please include excerpts in supporting documentation. You can include high level principles here.
- 04:** Please share any particular hurdles you have overcome, or points of pride and progress during your leadership tenure. This could include taxpayer communication, engaging elected officials, growing your budget.
- 05:** In your submission, please include a general overview of your network, including # lane miles, budget, and any other pertinent facts that would help us understand your area.