



4th Annual IAIABC Excellence Award Information Sheet

The IAIABC Excellence Award, formerly the Innovation Award, recognizes jurisdictions for the development of successful solutions to reduce harm and aid recovery from occupational injuries and illnesses. These solutions address policy and program challenges jurisdictions face while regulating and administering workers' compensation. Solutions could include specific programs, policies, initiatives, or projects that seek to improve worker and employer outcomes or ease administrative burdens.

In 2016, 2017, and 2018 the IAIABC recognized the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (Ontario). Each jurisdiction presented very different programs, from the enhancement of mediation services in Virginia; return to work partnerships in Washington; a new pharmacy program in Ohio; and a health and safety index in Ontario.

The IAIABC Excellence Award has been rebranded from the Innovation Award to broaden the scope of programs recognized by the Award. A program need not be truly "innovative" to have a positive impact on workers' compensation and its stakeholders. Through showing positive outcomes, a program can make a difference to those involved in the workers' compensation system.

Timeline

Submissions for the IAIABC Excellence Award will be accepted April 15 – May 24, 2019. Submitters will be notified of the decision by June 28.

Recognition

The IAIABC Excellence Award-winning agency will receive one complimentary registration to the IAIABC 105th Convention, October 21 – 24, 2019 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, plus a \$500 travel stipend. The winner will be asked to present about their project/program during the Convention (date and time to be determined). The winning innovation will also be featured in a future issue of IAIABC *Perspectives Magazine*.

Submission

Submissions can be made at www.iaiaabc.org/excellence-award-entry.

Questions

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