



2019 Arkansas Advanced Energy Awards

AAEA is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Arkansas Advanced Energy Awards! Finalists will be recognized and the winners announced at *emPOWERing Arkansas 2019*, AAEA's 8th annual meeting and policy conference, on Tuesday, October 8, at Heifer International in Little Rock. Submit your nominations for the following awards:

- Ron Bell Advanced Energy Leadership Award
- Advanced Energy Rising Star Award
- Advanced Energy Business Innovation Award

Nominations must be made by an AAEA member and are **due by Friday, September 6**, to info@arkansasadvancedenergy.com (subject line: "Award Nomination").

Self-nominations are not allowed for individual awards (Ron Bell and Rising Star awards) but **are** allowed for the Business Innovation Award. Please read on for additional information on the award categories, nominee qualifications, and nomination process rules. A nomination form is also included. Questions? Contact AAEA Executive Director Katie Niebaum, 501.537.0190, or katie@arkansasadvancedenergy.com.

Ron Bell Advanced Energy Leadership Award

To recognize an individual with a strong record of outstanding and consistent contributions to Arkansas's advanced energy industry, whose work is having a significant, sustainable impact on the industry.

Nominee qualifications:

- AAEA member, or public servant, who is committed to the positive development of the advanced energy industry in Arkansas
- Demonstrates excellence in professional role
- Demonstrates commitment to advanced energy development through business, advocacy, community outreach, and/or product/service innovation
- Self-nominations are not allowed
- Previous Ron Bell award winners are not eligible

Background on award:

In addition to serving as the Arkansas Advanced Energy Foundation's founding Chairman, Ron Bell is a former Army officer, a cattleman and tree farmer, and a leader of several eco-initiatives in Arkansas for more than two decades. Bell has served as a county conservation board member since 2000, as Chairman of the Ozark Foothills Resource, Conservation & Development from 2004-2006, and as President of the Arkansas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils from 2008-2010. As RC&D President, he worked with councils to develop a variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects which councils have been implementing across the state since 2010. In addition to his service to the conservation community, Bell served as President of Arkansas's Ozark Woodland Owners Association from 2000-2003. Since 2004, he has also served as the South Central Region Vice President of the national Woodland Owners Association and as NOWA's national director at large for bioenergy and other renewable programs and legislation as they relate to forestlands. Through all his work, fueled by personal passion and commitment, Bell's impact on Arkansas's advanced energy will be felt for years to come. The Ron Bell Advanced Energy Leadership Award is given annually to a deserving individual (or individuals) whose work is having a significant, sustainable impact on Arkansas's advanced energy industry.

Ron Bell Advanced Energy Leadership Award Recipients:

2018 *Chris Ladner*

2017 *Morris Jenkins*

2016 *Ron Hughes, Orlo Stitt*

2015 *Wally Nixon*

2014 *Terry Tremwel*

Advanced Energy Rising Star Award

To recognize a "rising star" within the industry for contributions to his/her organization and/or growing impact on the industry.

Nominee qualifications:

- Individual must be an employee of an AAEE member company/institution
- Area of work/expertise not specific to any singular role or position
- Demonstrates excellence in professional role and commitment to advanced energy development through business growth and/or product/service innovation
- Self-nominations are not allowed
- Previous Rising Star winners are not eligible

Rising Star Award Recipient:

2018 *Josh Davenport, Seal Energy Solutions*

2017 *Gerardo Galdamez, Entergy Arkansas*

Advanced Energy Business Innovation Award

To recognize an AAEA member company for courage, savvy and innovation to expand the market for its products and/or services.

Nominee qualifications:

- AAEA member company/institution
- Demonstrates excellence and commitment to advanced energy development
- Self-nominations **are** allowed
- Previous winners are not eligible in the two years following their award

Business Innovation Award Recipient:

2018 *Seal Energy Solutions*

2017 *Entegrity*

Nomination Process

1. Nominations must be made by an AAEA member (individual or entity).
2. Nominations are to be submitted by Friday, Sept. 6, to AAEA at info@arkansasadvancedenergy.com (subject line: "Award Nomination").
3. Late and/or incomplete nominations will not be accepted.
4. Nominations made in a previous year will not be carried over automatically to the next year.
5. An individual/member company may be nominated for multiple awards but a nomination form per award category is required.
6. Each nomination must contain the following:
 - a) Nominee's name, organization, and contact information (phone # & email address)
 - b) Nominator's name, organization, and contact information (phone # & email address)
 - c) Award category (Ron Bell, Rising Star or Business Innovation).
 - d) Biography of the nominee/company not to exceed 150 words
 - e) Summary statement (not to exceed 600 words) describing the impact and importance of the nominee's/company's contributions to Arkansas' advanced energy industry, specific to the award category.

Arkansas Advanced Energy Awards 2019 Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2019 awards are to be submitted by **Friday, September 6** to info@arkansasadvancedenergy.com; please include "Award Nomination" in the subject line. Nominations made in a previous year do not carry over automatically to the next year.

Award Category (check one)

- Ron Bell Advanced Energy Leadership Award
- Advanced Energy Rising Star Award
- Advanced Energy Business Innovation Award

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Biography of the Nominee

Please keep to 150 words.

Summary Statement

Describe the impact of the nominee's contributions to Arkansas's advanced energy industry (Ron Bell and Rising Star); or, describe the member company/institution's successful efforts to expand the market for its products and/or services (Business Innovation); not to exceed 600 words.