

ICEA will accept nominations for the Annual Excellence Awards through May 10th.

This is a great opportunity for your chamber to garner statewide recognition for the hard work that staff accomplished on specific new projects throughout the past year.

Chambers are divided into the following categories for judging:

- 0—400 members
- 401—700 members
- 701+ members

Upon reviewing, all applicants scoring above 90% will receive an Excellence Award.

Chambers may enter multiple entries.

Deadline —May 10th.

E-mail entry link with this completed form to info@iceaonline.com.

Mail a non-refundable check payable to ICEA for \$25 per entry to:
ICEA, P.O. Box 377, Hanover IN 47243.

Questions? Please call the ICEA office at 812-871-3000.



Excellence in Innovation Awards

About the award: The Annual Excellence Awards will recognize innovative new projects from your chamber this past year. Chambers may submit multiple nominations for various projects, however each nomination must showcase something new offered by your chamber during this past year. This award recognizes excellence in innovative new ideas. Complete a separate form for each entry.

E-mail your entry with this completed form to info@iceaonline.com prior to May 10th. Each entry submitted for review will be charged a \$25 non-refundable fee. Please mail this review payment payable to ICEA to: P.O. Box 377 Hanover IN 47243. An invoice will also be sent for you to pay with debit/credit card.

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What are you submitting for? Manufacturers Forum

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Complete a duplicate entry for more than one entry. Please circle below the size of your chamber:

- 0—400 members
- 401— 700 members
- 701 + members

Forward e-mail with your submission attached to info@iceaonline.com no later than May 10th.



Excellence in Innovation Submission: Manufacturers Forum

We are thrilled to submit an entry for consideration in the Excellence in Innovation Awards, showcasing The Madison County Manufacturers Forum.

Collaborating with Madison County Economic Development and the City of Anderson, we created The Madison County Manufacturers Forum as a platform where manufacturing owners and managers meet with their peers, discuss common issues and successes, and listen to timely presentations on topics that apply exclusively to manufacturers.

Our first step was hosting a series of focus groups from the manufacturing sector which brought together an eclectic mix of folks from businesses of all sizes. The feedback we received showed a resounding need for a larger effort to bring more businesses to the table to help craft industry led solutions to some challenges facing the entire industry. Some of the direct feedback included “we need connections with like-minded individuals who understand the unique challenges and opportunities we face, leading to camaraderie and mutual support” as well as “by tapping into the collective expertise of the forum community, we can often find creative solutions to complex challenges.”

Through the program, we conducted surveys and feedback sessions for participating businesses to understand their specific education, training, and networking needs. This allowed us to plan future programming to address the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the community. In addition to feedback on the programming, we use the forum as an opportunity to learn more about our business partners. Through business feedback evaluations, we have upped our game and created a stronger business retention and expansion service.

Overall, the Madison County Manufacturers Forum has provided a valuable platform for collaboration, learning, and community-building within the industry, ultimately contributing to the growth and success of individual businesses and the manufacturing sector as a whole.

