



2017 AIR CENTRAL TEXAS Awards Application Guidelines

Overview

The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is seeking nominations for the 2nd annual air quality awards for Central Texas. These awards recognize organizations and individuals that have made significant contributions to regional air quality in Central Texas and promote action on the part of the community to support the goals of the region's ongoing air quality planning efforts. In addition to the Public Sector Award, Private/Non-Profit Sector Award, and Bill Gill Central Texas Air Quality Leadership Award, the 2017 Air Central Texas Award will also include a new Media Award for coverage of air quality issues in the past year.

The four awards categories for 2017 are:

1. The Air Central Texas Public Sector Award
 - Recognizes an activity in the public sector that has exhibited exceptional leadership on regional air quality issues within the past year
2. The Air Central Texas Private/Non-Profit Sector Award
 - Recognizes an activity in the private or non-profit sectors that has exhibited exceptional leadership on regional air quality within the past year
 - Public educational institutions should be nominated in this category rather than the public sector category;
3. The Air Central Texas Media Award
 - Recognizes exceptional media coverage of air quality or air quality issues within the past year
4. The Bill Gill Central Texas Air Quality Leadership Award;
 - Recognizes an individual who has had a significant and lasting impact on Central Texas air quality over the course of his or her career or involvement in public life;
 - Named after CAPCOG's former Air Quality Program Manager and long-time Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and Texas Air Control Board (TACB) employee who was a critical part of the success of the Central Texas regional air quality planning efforts for over a decade.

Nomination Submission

Please submit nominations by e-mail to CAPCOG Air Quality Program Specialist Anton Cox:

By e-mail at: acox@capcog.org

By mail at: 6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165, Austin, TX 78744

The deadline for nominations is 5:00 pm, September, September 22, 2017.

Nomination and Selection Process

Individuals may self-nominate or may nominate another organization or individual that he or she feels is worthy of recognition. Nominations are required to include three references from individuals who are independent of the nominee who could speak to the nominee's contributions to regional air quality. Once all applications are received, CAPCOG will contact each reference regarding the nomination and provide this information to the selection committee. If less than three nominations are submitted for any category, CAPCOG staff will create enough nominations so that there are at least three in each category.

The selection committee will be made up of three representatives of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and one member of Bill Gill's family. Following the close of nominations, CAPCOG will provide the members of the selection committee with the nomination packages. After the selection committee scores the applications, CAPCOG will announce the winners and up to two finalists for each award category around mid-October, and the awards ceremony will be in November.