



Innovation Showcase Presented at PROCESS EXPO 2017

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

FPSA will be presenting Innovation Awards in a number of product categories at the 2017 PROCESS EXPO Innovation Showcase. The judging of the Innovation Awards will be conducted by persons selected by FPSA staff. Innovation Awards are awarded based upon the judges' subjective determination of which nominated product best satisfies the criteria listed below. There will be seven vertical markets (included on the Official Entry Form) eligible for Innovation Awards at PROCESS EXPO; however, there is no guarantee that an Innovation Award will be selected for each category. Winning products will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Have innovative distinction from other products/equipment currently available in the food processing industry; or, have substantial modification or adaptation to the food industry if the product is an extension from a non-food or general market
- Provide benefit to the food industry, processor and/or consumer
- Market impact – will disrupt the status quo to ultimately better serve the food industry, processors and/or consumer
- Provide practicality of implementation
- Value (not necessarily cost-effectiveness)

In order to be qualified to be entered for the Innovation Award program for PROCESS EXPO 2017:

- Product must be sold and marketed, “shipping to market” or ready for implementation within 90 days after the end of the show in which it is entered (no later than December 22, 2017). No concept products will be considered.
- Product cannot have been marketed or sold in the U.S. more than one year prior to PROCESS EXPO for an Innovation Award (no earlier than September 18, 2016).
- Participation in the Awards is limited to contracted companies exhibiting at PROCESS EXPO 2017.

HOW TO ENTER: *Final entry deadline is August 1, 2017.

- Complete the PROCESS EXPO 2017 Innovation Award Entry form.
- Write a summary (**250 words or less**) describing the product/process and its innovative nature. **Required at time of entry.*
- Upload product photo and company logo (300 dpi). **Required at time of entry.*
- Upload additional product photos, videos, brochures, catalogues, or other pertinent information about the product (up to 12 pages). **Optional.*
- Provide contact information; who will be available to speak to the judges pre-show and on-site.

PARTICIPATION:

Participation in the 2017 PROCESS EXPO Innovation Awards is limited only to companies contracted to exhibit at PROCESS EXPO 2017.

DISCLAIMER:

The Innovation Award judges make their determination based on information submitted by participating manufacturers. Those persons who serve as judges have limited time to review the information submitted and to review the product. The judges make their determination based on information submitted, review and the knowledge, experience, and skill of the judges. The judges will conduct no testing of the product itself. The selection of a particular product for an Innovation Award does not constitute FPSA's endorsement of the product nor a warranty of the product's fitness for a particular purpose, effectiveness, or safety. It merely reflects the judges' judgment that, if the product in fact performs or functions as the materials submitted with the product purport, such product is more "innovative" than the other products in its category and satisfies the other criteria listed above.

PARTICIPANT DECLARATION:

By completing an Official Entry Form to submit a Product for consideration for an Innovation Award, each company submitting a Product (an "Applicant") is deemed to have read and understood all of the Official Rules and Regulations and, in addition, is deemed to have acknowledged and agreed to the following:

- Applicant represents to FPSA that (i) Applicant owns the Product without conflict with, or infringement upon, the valid rights of others, (ii) the Product was not marketed or sold to any person or entity in the U.S. prior to September 18, 2016 and (iii) Applicant has no knowledge of any other person or entity marketing or selling any product that is similar to the Product that has not been disclosed in the materials submitted.
- Applicant acknowledges that any Innovation Award granted is based on compliance with these Rules and Regulations and the accuracy of the above representations and warranties. Therefore, any violation of the Rules and Regulations or breach of any of the representations or warranties (in the sole determination of FPSA) shall give FPSA grounds to revoke any award granted by giving written notice to that effect to an Applicant, in which event, Applicant agrees to return the Innovation Award and to cease making reference to the Innovation Award in its marketing literature.
- Applicant agrees to hold FPSA harmless and indemnify FPSA from any and all loss, cost, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees), and damage that may arise or be incurred by either or both of them as a result of Applicant's participation in this Innovation Awards program or Applicant's being granted an Innovation Award.