



# 2025 NRC Innovation in Technology and Process Awards - CRITERIA

The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize innovation, and unique technologies, technological services, or technological processes created and implemented by an NRC member company in 2025. Any type of technology, technological service, or technological process that a current dues-paying NRC member created and implemented in 2025 is eligible to apply. This includes any and all technologies, technological services, or technological processes provided for grade crossings, RWP, contractor safety, freight rail, industrial track, rail transit, commuter rail, intercity passenger rail, rail on port facilities and rail on military facilities.

The winners will be announced on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the NRC 2026 Conference and NRC-REMSA Exhibition in Hollywood, FL.

**Provide a brief technology, technological service, or technological process description, not to exceed 250 words for each question (Bonus Customer Satisfaction Document does not have a word limit), and additional documents supporting the award criteria, per the instructions below:**

## **1. Technology or Technological Service or Technological Process Questions**

- a. Requirements: Please answer the following questions.
  - i. What details demonstrate your company's innovation, expertise, and unique technology, technological service, or technological process developed and implemented? This may include the development and/or application of new concepts, products, practices, and/or any other noteworthy aspect of the technology, service, or process. Provide explanations of specific challenges and the strategies used to overcome them.
  - ii. What initiatives were utilized in achieving that record?
  - iii. Provide details demonstrating the technological advancement achieved with this product, service, or process. These include safety, productivity, training, data analysis, etc.
  - iv. Provide details of this technology in use with a customer through PowerPoint including pictures and descriptions. Please note that pictures and descriptions must show that the technology, service, or process is in use. If customer is uncomfortable with their company name being shown, please anonymize the customer name.

## **2. Technology or Technological Service or Technological Process Photos**

- a. Please submit at least two and no more than four photos with this application. The application is not complete without the photos and cannot be considered without them. The photos can be of the technology, technological service, technological process, the team, or any other relevant photos. Please label the photos with the company and project names, and any other relevant information as you see fit, and submit with your application per the instructions at the bottom.  
**It is important that the applicant show that the technology, service, or process, is in operation.**



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### **3. Customer Satisfaction Documentation (Bonus criteria)**

- a. Requirements: Written evidence (email acceptable) from the customer that:
  - i. States that the technology, service, or process was completed/implemented within the last year.
  - ii. States that the technology, service, or process met or exceeded its objectives.
  - iii. Attests to the costs, schedule, quality, and management of the technology, service, or process.

### **4. Format:**

- a. All written document materials must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Acceptable image formats with text descriptions include .jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp, and .tiff. Point 1.v states to submit a PowerPoint. We should determine how to incorporate that into this statement.

**Technologies, services, or processes will be graded based on the impact to the Railroad industry by a distinguished panel of retired former Class I and Railroad industry employees. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> place award and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award. The NRC will recognize all award winners at the annual NRC Conference.**

**Return application and supporting documentation by November 14, 2025 by email to: [mbarreto@nrcma.org](mailto:mbarreto@nrcma.org) with subject line: 2025 NRC Innovation in Technology or Process Award**



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Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Technology or Technological Service Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information submitted with this application and supporting documentation  
are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_