

Operations Leader of the Year - Nomination Form

Submission deadline: October 25, 2026 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time

Eligible performance period: January 1-July 31, 2026. All fields are required. If a requested item is not applicable or the information is not known, enter N/A.

FACILITY LOCATION REQUIREMENT

The participating facility must be physically located in Nevada, Arizona, or Utah.
Facilities located in any other state are not eligible for the 2026 awards.

SECTION 1 - NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Full Name

Job Title

Company / Organization

Relationship to Nominee

Direct Email Address

Direct Phone Number

Self-nominations are not permitted. OpsVectra may use this contact information to request clarification or additional information regarding the nomination.

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SECTION 2 - NOMINEE & FACILITY INFORMATION

Nominee Full Name

Nominee Job Title

Company Name

Facility Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Nominee Business Email

Nominee Business Phone

Approximate Number of Regular Employees at This Facility

Is the facility part of a larger parent company or corporate organization? (Yes / No)

Parent Company / Organization Name (enter N/A if not applicable)

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SECTION 3 - FACILITY ELIGIBILITY

Does the participating facility have 100 or fewer regular employees?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Include regular full-time and part-time employees assigned to this facility. Temporary or contract employees do not need to be included unless they effectively function as part of the facility's permanent workforce.

Does this facility operate under a formal Continuous Improvement, Lean, Operational Excellence, or equivalent improvement program?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

A formal program generally includes established improvement infrastructure such as dedicated Continuous Improvement/Operational Excellence personnel, a formally deployed Lean or CI operating system, or structured CI direction, resources, or support provided by a corporate parent. Individual employee certifications or independent use of tools such as 5S, Kaizen, standard work, visual management, or problem-solving methods do not by themselves constitute a formal CI program.

If the facility is part of a larger organization, does the parent company provide structured Continuous Improvement, Lean, or Operational Excellence direction, personnel, resources, or program support to this facility?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Unsure

Was the leadership performance described in this nomination demonstrated during January 1-July 31, 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELIGIBILITY NOTICE

The OpsVectra Manufacturing Excellence Awards are intended to recognize accomplishments achieved without the advantage of established formal Continuous Improvement infrastructure. OpsVectra reserves the right to request additional information when determining eligibility.

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SECTION 4 - LEADERSHIP NOMINATION STATEMENT

In 300-750 words, explain why this individual should be recognized as the 2026 OpsVectra Operations Leader of the Year. Provide multiple specific examples of the nominee's leadership and operational impact during January 1-July 31, 2026.

Operational Results: Measurable improvements in safety, quality, delivery, productivity, throughput, downtime, scrap, retention, inventory, lead time, customer performance, cost, or other relevant measures.

Employee Development & Involvement: How the nominee developed employees, encouraged participation, built problem-solving capability, or created greater ownership and accountability.

Problem Solving & Improvement: Examples of significant operational problems the nominee helped identify and solve.

Systems & Standardization: Systems, processes, standards, routines, or management practices the nominee established or improved.

Sustainability: How improvements were maintained and what was put in place to prevent a return to the previous condition.

Focus on specific actions, examples, and results rather than general statements about the nominee's personality, popularity, dedication, or work ethic.

Writing style and writing quality are not evaluated. Nominations are evaluated based on the actions, examples, results, and supporting information provided.

Minimum: 300 words | Maximum: 750 words

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SECTION 5 - SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Supporting evidence is optional for Operations Leader of the Year but may be submitted to strengthen the nomination. Supporting materials may include photographs, performance data, charts, examples of visual management or standard work, training or employee-development materials, or other documentation supporting the nomination.

Are you submitting supporting evidence with this nomination?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach the supporting evidence as separate files to the same email containing this completed nomination form.

SECTION 6 - CERTIFICATION & PERMISSIONS

- ☐ I certify that the information provided in this nomination is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I understand that OpsVectra Partners may contact me, the nominee, or the nominee's company to request clarification, additional information, or verification related to this nomination.
- ☐ I understand that submitting a nomination does not guarantee an award or recognition and that OpsVectra Partners may withhold recognition when submissions do not meet the standards established for the award.

If selected for recognition, may OpsVectra Partners publicly identify the nominee and company in connection with the OpsVectra Manufacturing Excellence Awards?

☐ Yes ☐ No - Please contact me regarding publicity permissions.

Nominator Full Name

Date

Typing your name above constitutes acknowledgment of the certifications and permissions selected.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Email the completed form and any supporting evidence to: awards@opsvectrapartners.com

Email Subject: Operations Leader of the Year - [Nominee Name] - [Company Name]

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Late or incomplete nominations may not be considered.