

Nevada Tech Award Nomination Policy

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1.0 PURPOSE

The Nevada Tech Award recognizes outstanding technology achievements exclusively within the Executive Branch of the State of Nevada. By honoring innovative projects and solutions, this award seeks to spur the development of technological strategies that enhance government operations and services to the public.

2.0 SCOPE

Foster Ingenuity: Encourage creative methods and tools that resolve operational challenges and deliver measurable improvements.

Acknowledge Excellence: Spotlight individuals and teams that demonstrate exceptional execution and results in IT projects.

Promote Collaboration: Highlight cross-division or inter-departmental teamwork leading to cutting-edge innovations.

3.0 CATEGORIES

Efficiency Enhancement

For initiatives that streamline processes, reduce operational bottlenecks, or generate cost savings.

Service Delivery Excellence

For improvements to resident-facing services, increasing convenience or transparency.

Cross-Agency Collaboration

For efforts involving multiple Executive Branch entities, showcasing the power of coordinated IT implementation.

Emerging Technologies Leadership

For the adoption or pilot of advanced technologies (e.g., AI, cloud platforms, cybersecurity solutions) that modernize state operations.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Executive Branch Only: Submissions are accepted solely from departments, agencies, and employees within the Executive Branch of the State of Nevada.



Recent Projects: The project must have been implemented, or shown measurable outcomes, within the last two years.

Inclusive of Teams and Individuals: Nominations may feature an individual employee, a team, or an entire agency/department.

5.0 NOMINATION TIMELINE

- Call for Nominations: Issued by the Governor's Technology Office (GTO). Submission deadlines and instructions will be clearly stated.
- Submission Window: Remains open for six weeks following the formal announcement.

6.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

6.1 **Project Summary**

Provide a concise description of the project's goals, timeline, and stakeholders.

6.2 Impact Statement

Present quantifiable outcomes—cost savings, enhanced service delivery, or other metrics.

6.3 **Supporting Documentation**

Attach relevant metrics, testimonials, screenshots, or reports that illustrate the project's success.

6.4 Category Selection

Identify the most appropriate category (e.g., Efficiency Enhancement, Service Delivery Excellence).

7.0 SELECTION PROCESS

7.1 Review Panel

A subcommittee of the State Technology Governance Committee will review all submissions.

7.2 Evaluation Criteria

- Relevance to Executive Branch IT Goals: Does the project advance the Governor's and GTO's strategic objectives?
- **Measurable Impact**: Are cost savings, efficiencies, or service improvements demonstrated by concrete data?
- **Innovation**: Does the project incorporate novel approaches or cutting-edge technology?
- Collaboration: If cross-agency, how effectively did the teams coordinate and share resources?

7.3 Final Selection

The review panel will provide award recommendations to the State Chief Information Officer, who will confirm final awardees. Winners will be notified via email before the formal ceremony.

8.0 AWARD PRESENTATION

8.1 Ceremony

The Nevada Tech Award recipients will be announced at a formal event—often scheduled during a State Technology Governance Committee meeting or an executive-level IT summit. Awardees receive a plaque or certificate, and their projects may be featured on official State of Nevada channels for broader recognition.

9.0 APPROVED BY

Title	Signature	Date
Director / State Chief Information Officer	Si Mulhi	7/22/2025

10.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

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0	1/10/2025	Introduction