



Nomination for 2026 Hall of Fame

in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky & Ohio

Entries due before September 9, 2026

ITS Midwest Hall of Fame Award Policy

Purpose

The ITS Midwest Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional, sustained, and career-long contributions to the advancement of intelligent transportation systems across the Midwest region. This award honors leaders whose professional accomplishments, commitment to innovation, and dedication to the ITS community have significantly improved transportation safety, mobility, efficiency, operations, and technology deployment.

Recipients of this award have demonstrated unwavering commitment to the ITS industry through leadership, collaboration, mentorship, project delivery, policy advancement, technical innovation, or public-private partnership development. Their work should reflect a lasting impact on the deployment, acceptance, and advancement of ITS solutions within one or more Midwest states and across the broader transportation technology community.

Eligibility

This award is applicable to an individual who has:

- Resided or practiced professionally in one of the four ITS Midwest Chapter states, **Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, or Ohio**, for a substantial portion of the contributions being recognized.
- Demonstrated long-term commitment to the ITS industry.
- Made significant professional contributions to ITS programs, projects, policies, research, deployment, or operations.
- Helped advance transportation innovation within the Midwest region.
- Served as a champion for ITS through leadership, advocacy, collaboration, or mentorship.
- Built a legacy of accomplishments that has positively influenced agencies, communities, industry partners, or the traveling public.
- Both active and retired ITS professionals are eligible.
- Nominees may be honored posthumously. A family member, colleague, or organization may submit or continue a nomination on behalf of a deceased individual.
- An individual may receive the ITS Midwest Hall of Fame Award only once. Past inductees are not eligible for re-nomination.
- Nominees who are not selected in a given cycle remain eligible and may be re-nominated in future cycles without restriction.

Nomination Cycle

- Nominations are accepted on an annual cycle.
- The Nominations and Awards Committee issues a formal call for nominations each year, announced to the membership via the Chapter's website, email distribution, and/or newsletter.

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- Nominations must be submitted by the deadline stated in the annual call for nominations, generally in advance of the ITS Midwest Annual Meeting or Conference and Expo, to allow adequate time for review.
- Each nomination must be submitted using the official ITS Midwest Hall of Fame nomination form and must include, at minimum:
 - Nominee's name, current title/affiliation, and years of service in the ITS field.
 - A narrative summary (typically 1-2 pages) describing the nominee's career contributions and how they meet the eligibility and award criteria.
 - At least one letter of support from a colleague, supervisor, or industry partner familiar with the nominee's work.
 - Contact information for the nominator.

Selection Process

- Nominations may be submitted by any ITS Midwest member, partner agency, or organization, and self-nominations are permitted. Nominations should include a summary of the nominee's career contributions and how they meet the eligibility and award criteria above.
- All nominations are reviewed by the ITS Midwest Nominations and Awards Committee, which evaluates each nominee against the eligibility requirements and award criteria.
- The Committee selects the inductee(s) by majority vote. In a given year, the Committee may select one honoree, multiple honorees, or none, if no nominee meets the standard of the award.
- The Committee's selection is submitted to the ITS Midwest Executive Board for final approval prior to public announcement.
- Approved inductees are formally recognized and inducted at the ITS Midwest Annual Meeting or Conference and Expo.
- Any Committee member who is nominated, or who has a close personal or professional relationship with a nominee, must recuse themselves from deliberation and voting on that nomination.

Award Criteria

Nominees should demonstrate several of the following:

- Career-long leadership in intelligent transportation systems.
- Meaningful contributions to ITS deployment, operations, research, planning, or policy.
- Advancement of safety, mobility, reliability, accessibility, or efficiency through technology.
- Service to the ITS Midwest community or the broader ITS industry.
- Collaboration across public agencies, private industry, academia, or professional associations.
- Mentorship or development of future ITS professionals.
- A lasting and recognizable impact on transportation innovation in the Midwest.



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Recognition

Inductees in the ITS Midwest Hall of Fame represent the highest level of professional achievement within the ITS Midwest community. This honor celebrates individuals whose careers have helped shape the direction, growth, and success of intelligent transportation systems throughout the region.

- Inductees are formally recognized and inducted at the ITS Midwest Annual Meeting or Conference and Expo.
- Each inductee receives a commemorative plaque or award recognizing their induction.
- Inductees' names are added to a permanent Hall of Fame listing maintained on the ITS Midwest website.

Nominations must be submitted to the ITS Midwest Recognition Committee no later than **September 9, 2026**.

Nominations may be submitted to Tom Szabo, Nominations and Awards Committee Chair at
Thomas.Szabo@oneatlas.com.



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Nominee information and contact

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Brief description of the nominee's achievements (Please keep short, not longer than one or two lines; include links to additional information where applicable)

Nominator Contact Info

Nominator name and title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____