# Outstanding Stewards of America’s Waters Awards – 2013

## Letter of Intent

Hydropower is the largest renewable energy resource. Being the biggest – and staying on top – requires exceptional effort. And, as the National Hydropower Association’s annual Outstanding Stewards of America’s Waters (OSAW) Awards program demonstrates, hydropower generators around the country are pursuing initiatives every day that deserve special recognition.

To honor your hard work, NHA presents the OSAW awards to those organizations whose initiatives deserve special national recognition in the categories of:

* **Operational Excellence**: This category focuses on leading projects that add value to hydropower generation and demonstrate significant technical contributions. This includes but is not limited to improving efficiency, safety, security, innovation, contribution to electric system operations, and overall operational effectiveness of hydroelectric assets. This may be applied to engineering, construction, hydraulics, dam safety, land use, licensing, operations, maintenance, and/or economic utilization. Examples include innovative use of new technologies and/or waterways, mitigation facilities, upgrades and improvements, and the use of technological tools in licensing, etc.
* **Public Education**: This category highlights programs that effectively communicate and promote the benefits of hydropower to an outside audience. Examples include school curriculum, educational videos, public education materials, learning centers, kiosks, other outreach programs, interactive media.
* **Recreational, Environmental & Historical Enhancement**: This category covers projects that provide enhanced recreational opportunities for the general public, offer measurable benefits that mitigate, conserve, preserve, or enhance the natural resources, and/or conserve historical aspects of hydropower facilities and their integration with the surrounding community.

NHA invites you to nominate your projects and initiatives for consideration. Benefits include:

* Local and national media coverage for your company and accomplishment
* Your company’s innovation and leadership are honored by the industry
* Your company is highlighted on NHA’s website and in future OSAW publications
* Recognition in an awards ceremony during the 2012 NHA Annual Conference in Washington, DC

Do you have a project worthy of recognition? Please complete the following form and submit it to Matthew Nocella at [matt@hydro.org](mailto:matt@hydro.org) by Sept. 14, 2012.

The full application process will begin in October 2012. **A letter of intent is not required to apply for an OSAW award.** If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact NHA’s Matthew Nocella at [matt@hydro.org](mailto:matt@hydro.org) or 202.682.1700 ext. 21.

For more information on the OSAW awards and previous winners, please visit <http://hydro.org/about-nha/awards/osaw/>.

Company: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

City: Click here to enter text. State: Click here to enter text. ZIP:Click here to enter text.

Contact Person: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text. Email: Click here to enter text.

Award Category: Choose an item.

Accomplishment name: Click here to enter text.

**Accomplishment Information**

Name and description (i.e. # of developments, operation, license status): Click here to enter text.

Location, if applicable (including rivers, counties, and states where the accomplishment takes place): Click here to enter text.

Capacity, if applicable (in Megawatts): Click here to enter text.

Summary: Please provide a 250 word summary of the accomplishment describing the background, challenge, innovation, and results of the project in this field.