

Best use of Technology Awards²⁰²⁴



Categories and Rules

Purpose

The aim of these awards is to recognize and reward the use of technology within the MHA+ whilst also acting as a mechanism to share and disseminate the great work that is being done across the MHA+, to help us all to improve.

Categories

1. Best use of Technology in Design in the MHA+

Description

Entries must describe how a technology, (software, hardware or other) was created, trialled or used to bring value to the design of highway works.

2. Best use of Technology in Construction in the MHA+

Description

Entries must describe how a technology, (software, hardware or other) was created, trialled or used to bring value to the construction or modification of a highway.

3. Best use of Technology in Maintenance & Asset Management in the MHA+

Description

Entries must describe how a technology, (software, hardware or other) was created, trialled or used to bring value to the maintenance and / or asset management of a highway or discrete assets within a highway.



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Rules

- This competition is open to all 'MHA+ Organisations' including:
 - o All MHA+ Member Authorities
 - All MHA+ Framework Contractors & Designers
- Entries may be from Supply Chain Partners of an 'MHA+ Organisation' where the 'MHA+ Organisation' was involved in the initiative and the submission has their support.
- Submissions should be in relation to the types of work commonly delivered by MHA+ Member Authorities. Entries for Highways works outside of the MHA+ Framework are admissible, although the final decision as to whether an entry is appropriate for this awards scheme will rest with the MHA+ Manager Karen Notman.
- Entries do not need to be submitted in any particular format, to enable organisations to reuse submissions made to other award bodies.
- All entrants are encouraged to record a short video explaining their submission. These are not expected to be professionally recorded but either done by a smartphone or as a recorded PowerPoint presentation. This is encouraged to help the judges to better understand the entry.
- All entries will be ranked by the members of the MHA+ Digital Working Group, the top three ranked entries in each category will be shortlisted.
- The Judges will be assessing entries on how novel /risky was the use of the technology & how much benefit was derived from it.
- The shortlisted entries will be required to give a ~7min presentation at the MHA+ Annual event on 17th September 2024, in the afternoon workshop, the winner of each category will be decided by vote in that workshop.
- An initiative may be entered in only one category.
- The judges reserve the right to change the category to which an entry is assigned.
- The judges may request additional information to clarify an entry or seek additional evidence.
- No personally sensitive information (GDPR definition) or commercially sensitive information should be included as part of any submission.
- We want to ensure that judges are not overloaded by too many things to look at so please be sensible about how much content is submitted please aim to ensure that the judges will be able to understand your entry within 10minutes.
- All queries, questions and comments should be sent to Kay Smith (Kay.A.Smith@leics.gov.uk)
- Submissions should be made by email to Kay Smith (<u>Kay.A.Smith@leics.gov.uk</u>). If your attachments are too large to email please contact Kay to ensure that the chosen file sharing solution is accessible.
- All submissions must be received by 10:00 12/08/2024
- Shortlisted entries will be announced in early September.
- Winners will be announced immediately following the judging on 17th September.