Federal Technical Capabilities Program

# Professional of the Year Award

## Background

The Federal Technical Capabilities Panel (FTCP) provides strategic vision and guidance for the implementation of the Technical Qualification Program (TQP). The TQP helps support the Department of Energy’s (DOE) commitment to recruiting, deploying, developing, and retaining a technically competent workforce that will accomplish DOE missions in a safe and efficient manner, in accordance with DOE O 426.1B, *Department of Energy Federal Technical Capabilities*.

In 2023, the FTCP chairman started an award program for the most influential FTCP member. As champions of DOE 426.1B, personnel dedicated to the program help ensure Federal personnel possess the experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities that are necessary to discharge their safety responsibilities. They also value, promote and practice continuous learning, and encourage educational experience, training, and application to improve knowledge, skills, and abilities and implementation of the TQP. Through all of this, these FTCP champions help organizations and/or individuals in achieving and maintaining technical excellence.

## Objective

Based on these values and principles, the FTCP Professional of the Year award serves to recognize an FTCP member for superior and excellent service throughout the year as they fulfill their FTC duties and responsibilities, thus supporting the overall DOE mission. FTCP members may be nominated on an annual basis and the award will be determined by a vote of the FTCP members.

## Eligibility and Criteria

Any member that directly or indirectly supports the FTCP is eligible for nomination for the FTCP Professional of the Year award. These criteria may be subject to change based on decisions from the FTCP Panel and Chair.

* Outstanding volunteer (FAQS rewrites, mentoring, QO, etc.)
* Outstanding participation and engagement in FTCP meetings, events, projects
* Influence on important FTCP topics and discussions
* Exemplary site TQP implementation
* Pursuit of TQP accreditation or re-accreditation
* Valuable contributions to the FTCP community

## Nominations

Nominations for the FTCP Professional of the Year award may be submitted by fellow FTCP Agents, TQP Coordinators, FTCP Support Office members, and the FTCP Chair and Vice Chair during the annual nomination period (July 1-31 of each year). The nomination information can be found on the [TQP SharePoint](https://ntc.doe.gov/sites/tqp/tqpportal/FTCP%20Professional%20of%20the%20Year%20Award/Forms/AllItems.aspx) site. The popular vote will decide who will receive the annual award. Individuals may be nominated more than once and may win the award consecutive times. Should there be a tie, the FTCP Chair will ask for the FTCP members to decide on the FTCP Professional of the Year recipient.

## Presentation of Award

The presentation of the FTCP Professional of the Year award will be at the Fall face-to-face meeting each year by the FTCP Chair. A nonmonetary award and a certificate will be presented, as well as a brief biography and summary of the nomination on the TQP SharePoint site. This award will also be shared with DOE leadership.