

BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association

Workplace Health and Safety Award

In 2012 the BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association (BCRB) introduced the Road Building and Heavy Construction Workplace Health and Safety Award. Over the past ten years we have received a number of creative safety submissions which have demonstrated the commitment of the road building industry to improve work practices and increase worker safety. The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) and WorkSafeBC are pleased to partner once again with the BCRB, in continuing to support this initiative in 2025.

Workplace Health and Safety Award - Defined

Workplace Health and Safety Award: Recognizes workplace practice, policy, program, process, or tool which demonstrates improvements in the area of health and safety for the construction and maintenance industry. Basically, this includes anything which could be considered proactive, unique, creative or forward thinking.

Objectives:

The objective of the workplace health and safety award is to:

- Acknowledge individuals, organizations, or companies for their efforts in the prevention of workplace/site incidents, injuries, and illnesses.
- Encourage individuals, organizations, and companies to implement programs, policies, projects or onsite practices, which improve the health and safety of workers, and the travelling public.
- Provide a forum to share notable initiatives with industry.

Award Criteria / Evaluation Measures:

This award recognizes all types of health and safety initiatives, including those which address or highlight the management of workplace safety concerns (either presented by the work activity, area or conditions where the work takes place) including, but not limited to:

- Identifying ways where significant hazards have been eliminated or controlled through engineering or work isolation.
- The development and implementation of unique safety procedures/practices or equipment which has been proven to reduce workplace incidents or has the potential to reduce workplace injuries / hazards
- Materials, methods or tools which have increased worker safety knowledge of industry hazards and increased protective measures, and,
- Programs or techniques which help prevent workplace incidents, injuries and illness.

The award is evaluated on the following criteria:

- Developed in-house or developed by others, but used in a unique way
- Demonstrates flexibility (can be used by others and in a number of environments)
- Does not present a real or perceived safety hazard
- Demonstrates proof of reducing workplace injury
- Demonstrates potential of reducing workplace injuries/hazards
- Can be verified by Ministry staff



Safety initiatives only need to be modest and come from the road building industry. For the purpose of this award, we are looking for forward-thinking` ideas which have been implemented to create a safer, healthier work environment, and which go beyond what is considered `routine` in the industry. Just a reminder, anything developed, manufactured or “new to BC” must conform to all regulatory standards.

Refer to the information on page 7 to review the detailed Written Submission information required.

Eligibility:

All British Columbia’s road building general contractors, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and individuals are eligible for nomination to receive the Annual Award for Workplace Health and Safety for Road Building & Heavy Construction. To be eligible:

1. The applicant must be registered and in good standing with WorkSafeBC.
2. The initiative must have relevance, or have been implemented, on a Ministry project/contract and have a Ministry validator.
3. Initiatives must be in compliance with all relevant Acts and Regulatory requirements.

**Note: Safety supply companies are excluded unless a device or initiative which they have created has been used by a Contractor on a Ministry project/contract. It will still require validation by Ministry staff.*

Application Process:

Any person within Road Building and Heavy Construction may nominate a person, or company, who has contributed to a workplace health and safety initiative. Workers may nominate a company initiative of their employer however a submission of this type needs to be supported by the company being nominated.

Applications must be made in writing to the BCRB and include:

- A completed application form. (Information must be provided for all criteria listed on the application form).
- The criterion addressed individually and in the same order as listed on the application form on pages 4 & 5.
- Information which addresses the Written Submission criteria on page 6.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted prior to the close of business on *Friday, September 26th, 2025.*
(Applications received after this date will be considered for next year’s awards).

Judging:

Ministry of Transportation and Transit personnel will review each submission and develop a short list of candidates. Those short listed will be further verified by comparing the submitted initiative/process/program with various projects and field activities, which have been administered by the Ministry. To assist with this discussion and verification, it is important to complete the fields on the application form, which identifies the project(s)/work areas and respective Ministry contract administrators, Ministry Representatives or Ministry validators.



The top 3 submissions will be put forward to a select panel of judges comprised of representatives from the Ministry and WorkSafeBC for final review and ranking. The panel will confirm the top 3 finalists are registered and in good standing with WorkSafeBC.

Staff of the BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, and the panel of judges, must be allowed to visit the workplace to verify the entry. Judges may contact applicants for additional information regarding the submission.

The decisions of the judges are final and binding.

Submission Checklist:

Before you submit your application please check that you have:

- Completed and enclosed the application form.
- Typed the submission addressing all criteria outlined.
- Confirmed the item being submitted is WorkSafeBC compliant.
- Included relevant diagrams, engineering (as required by Regulation), sketches, videos, photographs, CDs, or binders.
- Copied the submission for your records.

Submission Property:

Submissions become the property of the BCRB and MoTT and will not be returned.

The BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit reserve the rights to publish submission details, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act*, and may request finalists to appear for publicity reasons, including attendance at an awards ceremony.

Submit your entry by Mail, Fax or E-mail to:

BCRB 2025 Construction Workplace Health and Safety Award

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BC ROAD BUILDERS & HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD APPLICATION

Nominee (Company/Individual Being Nominated) Information:

Name of Company and/or Individual	
Location of Safety Initiative (City/Town)	
Company Representative	Title
Mailing Address	
Phone	Fax
Email	
Industry Sector ☐ Maintenance ☐ Construction/Paving/Bridge ☐ Service and Supply ☐ Other (Specify): _____	

Nominator (Person Submitting Application) Information:

Name and Company	
Mailing Address	
Phone	Fax
Email	

If successful, state name to be inscribed on the award:

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I have read and understand the submission guidelines. The information presented in this application represents the nominee's work and does not infringe upon the patent rights of others.

Signature	Date
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BC ROAD BUILDERS & HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD APPLICATION

Safety Initiative Details:

(see Written Submission criteria on the next page. Use additional space and pages to adequately present and describe the safety initiative)

Name of Initiative	
Description of Safety Initiative	
Effectiveness	
Significance	
Relevance	
Project(s) name(s) or operating area	
Ministry Validator	



BC ROAD BUILDERS & HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD

Written Submission

A *Written Submission* must be included as part of the Construction Workplace Health and Safety Award application form. The Written Submission shall not exceed 10 pages in length and must address the following criteria:

1. Name of the Safety Initiative

2. Description of Safety Initiative:

- Describe the safety initiative, product, program, process or technique and what makes it unique, or special, to your organization.
- Describe the intent of the safety initiative or the problem which was resolved.
- Describe any barriers which needed to be overcome and how this was done.

3. Effectiveness:

- Describe how the safety initiative has reduced workplace risks and improved worker safety.
- Provide any measurable results to support the suggested improvements.
- Describe any other noticeable benefits realized by the initiative.

4. Significance:

- Describe how this initiative has positively impacted the overall health and safety of your workers and organization
- Describe any additional benefits which you are hoping will result in the future.

5. Relevance:

- Describe how you feel the initiative can help improvements in the road construction industry.

6. Project Name(s) or Operating Area(s)

- Identify the project(s) and/or operating area(s) where the safety initiative was created and/or used.

7. Ministry Validator

- A validator from the Ministry who can speak to and support the safety initiative needs to be provided.

In addition to the written submission, and to help the judges understand the initiative, other supporting information should include such items as diagrams, engineering, sketches, photographs, videos, etc.

