# IEEE GRSS Industry Leader Award

**Description**:The IEEE GRSS established the Industry Leader Award to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions over a sustained period of time in industrial and/or commercial remote sensing discipline. The award shall be considered annually and presented if a distinguished candidate is identified.

**Administration:** IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IEEE GRSS)

**Eligibility**:The Awards Committee may give preference to an individual who:

* is an IEEE GRSS member,
* has made significant contributions to remote sensing system engineering, science, and/or technology,
* has made significant contributions to dissemination and commercialization of remote sensing products,
* has demonstrated leadership to promote remote sensing science and technology.

Eligibility and the selection process shall comply with procedures and regulation established in IEEE and GRSS governing documents, particularly with IEEE Policy 4.4 on Awards Limitations.

**Award Items:** Plaque and certificate.

**Frequency:** The award shall be presented annually to one recipient, provided a qualified candidate is nominated.

**Funds:** The award is funded through the IEEE GRSS budget. The society's budget includes the amount for this award AND the Society budget is net positive with the inclusion of the award.

**Nominee Solicitation**: The **nomination** package has to be submitted by an IEEE GRSS member, consisting of the following:

* a nomination letter (ILA Nomination Form), no more than 3-pages in length
* a complete curriculum vitae of the candidate
* at least 2 recommendation letters, max. 3, from individuals familiar with the candidate’s industrial contributions and achievements

**Award Committee**: The Major Awards Cmte has 5 members plus the Chair. They are regionally and technical distributed. They are nominated by the Chair and by the GRSS AdCom members. The AdCom approves the cmte members annually; reelection is possible.

**Conflicts of Interest:** Awards Committee members who have a conflict of interest, according *IEEE Policy 4.4.H*, with any of the nominees will have to leave the committee. If the committee has at least 5 people total, it can go on without adding new members.

**Selection/Basis for Judging:** Significance, quality and impact of activities and contributions and achievements.

The nominations are evaluated and ranked by the IEEE GRSS Major Awards Committee. The IEEE GRSS AdCom approves the award in its spring meeting.

Individuals who have received a GRSS Major Award are not eligible within 5 years.

**Presentation:** The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during the International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, IGARSS, together with other IEEE GRSS awards.

**Publicity:** A feature publication about the award winner will be published in the IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing and/or in the GRSS Magazine.

**Schedule**: The following schedule shall be the guideline:

* Dec. 15. nominations are due for awards in the following year
* Dec. 20. all nominations sent out to the Major Awards Cmte
* Feb. 15. evaluations received from the GRSS Major Awards Cmte
* March. AdCom approval of the candidate by GRSS AdCom
* March 15. notify recipient, request biographical sketch and photo

- April 1. order certificate and plaque with citation from, and send signatures of both GRS-S President and Awards Committee Chair to IEEE Headquarters (allow 2 months)

* IGARSS awards presentation (Plenary or Banquet)
* Prepare material for GRSS Magazine immediately after IGARSS
* Sept. Prepare archival material for TRANSACTIONS