



Salute to Excellence

2012 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



June, 2011

Dear Industry Professional:

For more than 50 years, Helicopter Association International has recognized the outstanding achievements and exceptional merits of individuals and organizations through the Salute to Excellence Awards program. The Salute to Excellence Awards dinner is the premier event of our annual HELI-EXPO®.

As we begin preparing for our 2012 program, we want to note that these awards will be presented at the HELI-EXPO 2012 Salute to Excellence Awards dinner, Feb. 13, 2012 in Dallas, Texas.

Accordingly, I am pleased to present HAI's *2012 Call for Nominations* booklet for your review and submission. Please take a moment to read the various award categories and consider nominating an individual or organization that has exhibited exceptional merit, or demonstrated outstanding achievement this past year in one or more of the award categories. Anyone can submit nominations, and any individual or organization can be nominated.

Since it is impossible for our Awards Committee to be aware of all the accomplishments of every individual or organization within the international helicopter community, your participation in this effort is critical. You are also encouraged to copy the Nomination Form and Acknowledgment Form and pass it along to others you think might be considering submission of a nomination. The Nomination Form and the Acknowledgment Form are also available on HAI's Web site, www.rotor.com, by clicking Events > Salute to Excellence Awards. All nominations must include a signed Acknowledgment Form, which is enclosed, indicating that the nominee knows they are being nominated and, if selected, would be willing to receive the award in person or by representation, at the Salute to Excellence Awards celebration in Dallas, Texas.

The deadline for nominations submission is Tues, Nov. 1, 2011.

Thank you for your assistance in this most important effort. See you in Texas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew S. Zuccaro".

Matthew S. Zuccaro
President

HAI's Salute to Excellence Awards

Take a few moments to nominate someone deserving of an award. Do not let their accomplishments go unrecognized.

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The Salute to Excellence Awards dinner has become the most prestigious and anticipated event at HAI's HELI-EXPO®. This year's awards and HELI-EXPO® will be held in Dallas, Texas. By acknowledging the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, HAI's Salute to Excellence Awards encourage the continued attainment of the highest standards of professionalism in the international helicopter community.

This booklet gives a short description of the nine awards.



Rolls-Royce Excellence in Helicopter Maintenance Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
AMT2 NICHOLAS H. BAISDEN**



(Left to right) Matt Haugk, Vice President, Marketing, Sales & Customer Business Operations, Rolls-Royce; AMT2 Nicholas H. Baisden, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, La.; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier

The Rolls-Royce Excellence in Helicopter Maintenance Award recognizes an individual who has distinguished themselves by longstanding excellence in the performance of helicopter maintenance, or a single significant and distinct contribution to helicopter maintenance. Eligibility is limited to hands-on helicopter maintenance personnel.

Sikorsky Humanitarian Service Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
THE CREW OF U.S. COAST GUARD HELICOPTER 6605
AIR STATION NEW ORLEANS, LA.**



(Left to right) Lt. Cdr Thomas G. Hickey; ASTC Kurt Peterson; Sergei Sikorsky; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier; AET2 Scott Lloyd

The Sikorsky Humanitarian Service Award is presented to the person(s) who best demonstrates the value of helicopters to society by saving lives, protecting property and aiding those in distress. The award may be for a particular mission, or for outstanding service for a period of time.

AgustaWestland Safety Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
KEITH JOHNSON**



*(Left to right) Bruno Cellemme,
President & CEO, AgustaWestland
Philadelphia Corporation; HAI Chairman
David J. Chevalier; Keith Johnson*

The AgustaWestland Safety Award acknowledges outstanding contributions in the promotion of safety and safety awareness throughout the international helicopter community.

W. A. (Dub) Blessing Certified Flight Instructor of the Year Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
LAWRENCE V. GRAVES**



*(Left to right) Bruno Cellemme,
President & CEO, AgustaWestland
Philadelphia Corporation; HAI Chairman
David J. Chevalier; Lawrence V. Graves*

The W. A. (Dub) Blessing Certified Flight Instructor of the Year Award recognizes superlative contributions by a helicopter flight instructor in upholding high standards of excellence.

Eurocopter Golden Hour Award

2011 AWARD WINNER
THE AIR ZERMATT/FISHTAIL AIR HELICOPTER MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM



(Left to right) Richard Lehner; Capt. Daniel Aufdenblatten; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier; Dr. Bernhard Brenner, President, Eurocopter South East Asia; Ms. Poonam Karmacharya, Widow of Sabin Basnyat

The Eurocopter Golden Hour Award recognizes the efforts of an individual, group or organization that, through a particular activity or contributions over time to the air medical industry, has advanced the use of helicopters in the vital mission of air medical transport.

Excellence in Communications Award

2011 AWARD WINNER
GUY R. MAHER



(Left to right) Guy R. Maher; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier

The Excellence in Communications Award is given to the individual or organization achieving the most creative and distinct dissemination of information about the helicopter.

Bell Helicopter Lifetime Achievement Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
MICHAEL C. HURST**



(Left to right) John Garrison, President & CEO, Bell Helicopter; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier; Michael C. Hurst

The Bell Helicopter Lifetime Achievement Award salutes excellence in management and leadership. The award is granted to an individual who is recognized for long and significant service to the international helicopter community. Nominees need not be licensed pilots.

MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award

**2011 AWARD WINNER
THE CREW OF U.S. COAST GUARD HELICOPTER 6597
HITRON AVIATION DETACHMENT 10-01**



(Left to right) AMT2 Brian M. Dugal; AET1 Joseph D. Paulson; Capt. Joseph T. Baker; Dale Christman, Manager, Law Enforcement Sales, MD Helicopters; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier; Jacob S. Dickson; Lt. Cdr. Robert S. Workman; AET3 Kimberly N. Dechmerowski

The MD Helicopters Law Enforcement Award recognizes an individual or organization that has contributed to the promotion and advancement of helicopters in support of law enforcement activities. Nominees are not limited to pilots or law enforcement personnel.

Pilot of the Year Award

2011 AWARD WINNER
LT. AUDIE ANDRY



(Left to right) Lt. Audie Andry, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Alaska; HAI Chairman David J. Chevalier

The Pilot of the Year Award is the oldest of HAI's Salute to Excellence awards. The award recognizes an outstanding single feat performed by a helicopter pilot during the year, or extraordinary professionalism over a period of time. Nominees must be active helicopter pilots.



Nomination Form

To nominate, go to
www.rotor.com

Awards to be Presented at HELI-EXPO®, Feb. 13, 2012, in Dallas, Texas

Any individual or organization, whether they are an HAI member or not, may submit nominations or be nominated in one or more of the nine categories listed in this booklet.

When completing the form below, please give concise details that support your nomination, and also supply supportive materials to aid consideration in the selection process. These materials should include full biographies, videos, photographs, training certifications, letters of recommendation, and newspaper and magazine articles etc. that relate to your nomination(s). Please note, the supportive materials, including full biographies AND video and photographs, must be submitted at the time of initial application. Nominations submitted without the required supportive materials will be considered incomplete and **will NOT be accepted**.

All materials submitted for nomination become the property of HAI and will not be returned. Supportive materials can be mailed or faxed to HAI, or scanned and sent as an email attachment. The postal, fax, and email addresses are provided on the back cover.

HAI requires that nominees complete an

Acknowledgement Form, confirming that they know they are being nominated and, if selected, would be willing to receive the award in person at the Salute to Excellence dinner on Feb. 13, 2012 in Dallas, Texas, or will designate a representative to do so on their behalf. *Acknowledgement Forms must be submitted with the initial applications.*

HAI will provide the following complimentary items for the winner and one guest: three-night hotel accommodations; round-trip coach airfare; HELI-EXPO® registration; tickets to the awards dinner.

Should you require additional information, please contact HAI's Communications Department at 703-683-4646, or visit www.rotor.com.

The nomination deadline for the 2012 Salute to Excellence Awards is Tues., Nov. 1, 2011. However, HAI strongly encourages you to submit your nomination(s) as soon as possible.

Award Category _____

Person/Organization Nominated _____

Title _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

On reverse side, please describe, in 400 words or less, why your nominee is deserving of this award:

Nomination Submitted by _____

Title _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please sign this nomination form in order for it to be considered by the HAI Awards Committee. The Nomination Form can be mailed to: Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2818, or fax to: 703-683-4745, or email to rotor@rotor.com. Return to HAI by Tues., Nov. 1, 2011.

Signed _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Acknowledgement Form

Please forward Acknowledgement Form to nominee.

Person submitting nomination: _____

Person being nominated: _____

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Award name: _____

HAI requires that you acknowledge in writing that you understand you are being nominated and, if selected, would be willing to receive the award in person at the Salute to Excellence dinner on Feb. 13, 2012 in Dallas, Texas, or designate a representative to do so on your behalf. You are also willing to provide biographical material, including photos and video, to HAI along with this nomination package.

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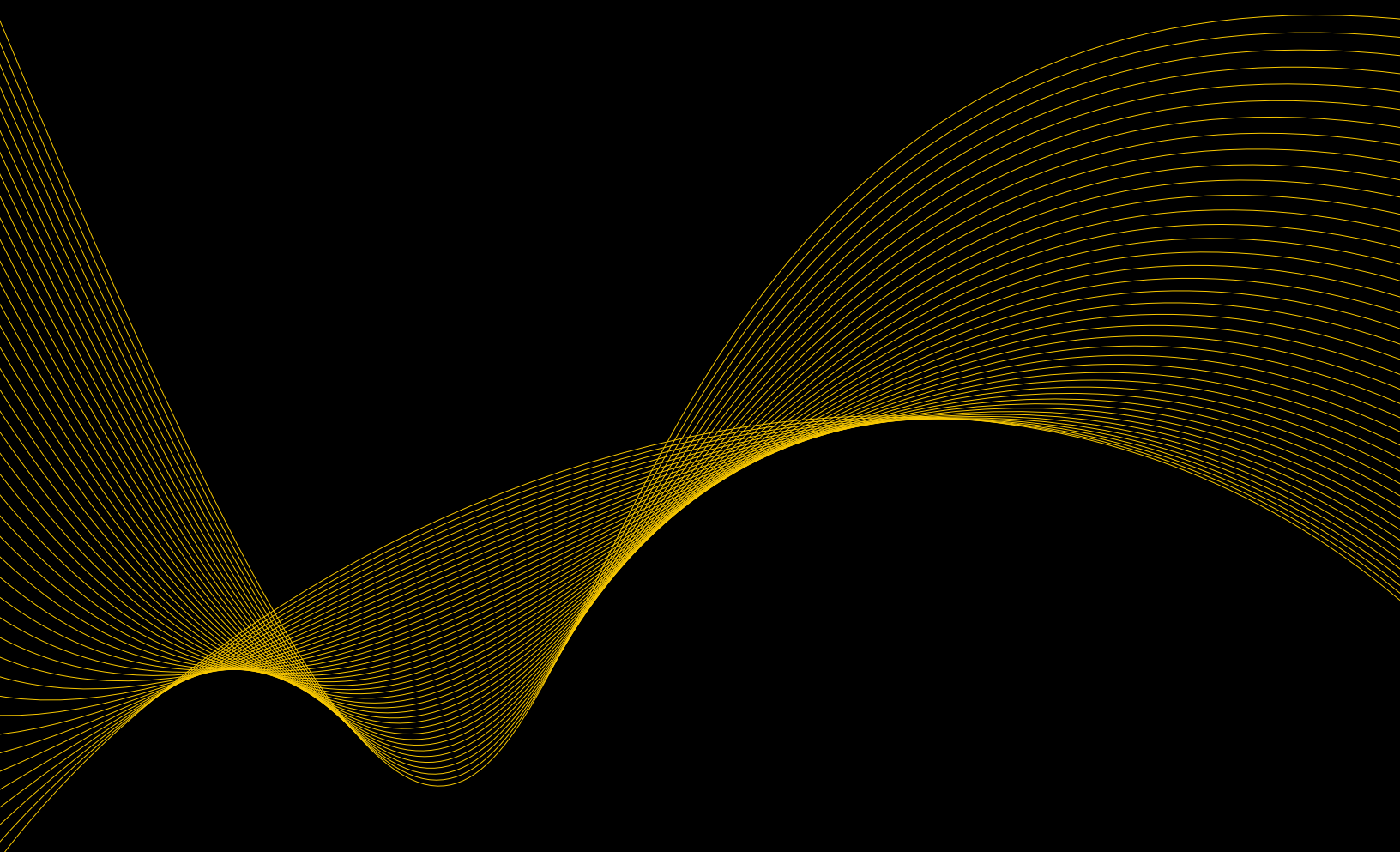
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____ I understand the conditions for consideration, and wish to be considered for this award.

____ I do not wish to be considered for this award. Please remove my name from further consideration.

Signed _____
(Signature Required)

Print Name _____ Date _____



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