



2024 Laboratory Response Network for Biological Threats (LRN-B) Technical Meeting Awards Nomination Process

The 2024 LRN-B Technical Meeting Planning Committee requests nominations for the award categories below. Formal recognition of all awards will be made during an awards ceremony at the 2024 LRN-B Technical Meeting awards ceremony.

Excellence in Public Health Response (Institutional Award)

The Excellence in Public Health Response award is given to an LRN-B member laboratory which has made a significant contribution to the LRN-B and its mission by responding to public health threats, unique cases/incidents, or exemplifying a surge capacity response.

Outstanding Outreach with Clinical Communities (Institutional Award)

The Outstanding Sentinel Training Program award is given to a group that has been involved in sustained outreach and training initiatives and pursues ongoing improvements to the sentinel training program.

Innovative Collaborations with First Responder Communities (Institutional Award)

The Innovative Collaborations with First Responder Communities award is given to a group that promotes partnerships and collaborations with first responder communities, contributing to ongoing improvements in preparedness and response activities.

Excellence in Partnership (Institutional Award)

The Excellence in Partnership award is given to a group which makes or has made significant contributions to building and maintaining effective preparedness partnerships with multiple agencies or organizations. A potential candidate might be a laboratory which has implemented and sustained partnerships with first responder and sentinel laboratory communities, academic institutions, state and local public health laboratories, military laboratories and other organizations.

Excellence in Methodology and Technology Evaluation (Institutional Award)

The Excellence in Methodology and Technology Evaluation Award is given to a group which has demonstrated outstanding effort in advancing the capabilities and capacities of the LRN-B to

prepare, detect, and respond. A potential candidate might be a laboratory which has participated in multicenter evaluation studies for methods and/or technology, developed an innovative approach to detection capabilities, or provided significant feedback to improve capabilities and capacities as it relates to the LRN-B mission.

Excellence in Leadership (Individual Award)

The Excellence in Leadership award is given to an individual whose leadership has been instrumental to the LRN-B mission. The potential candidate should have made significant contributions to the advancement of the LRN-B public health science or practice, exhibited leadership and positively influenced the network and its members. Nominees should have at least five years' experience in an LRN-B leadership capacity.

Excellence in Public Service (Individual Award)

The Excellence in Public Service award is given to an individual who displayed outstanding and innovative service during their employment. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to continuous quality improvement and high levels of service while furthering the LRN-B mission.

Award for Implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Systems (Individual or Institutional Award)

The Award for Implementing Continuous Quality Improvement Systems is given to an individual or institution who, through leadership, support and implementation of quality initiatives have been instrumental in strengthening the LRN-B.

Nomination Requirements

- Self-nominations will be accepted for consideration.
- The LRN-B Technical Meeting Planning Committee will review all nominations and determine awardees. Members of the LRN-B Technical Meeting Planning Committee may be nominated or make nominations. Neither nominators nor nominees may participate in deliberations for these awards.
- **Nominations are judged solely on the material submitted.**
 - 1. Include the name, degrees, address, email, and phone number of the nominee.**
 - 2. Include your complete name, address, email and phone number.**
 - 3. The nomination must be accompanied by a statement of 200-300 words which describes the nature of the laboratory or individual contributions.**

Deadline - Submit nominations by September 15, 2024 via e-mail to emergency.preparedness@aphl.org