



THE VOICE OF FOOD RETAIL

Feeding Families  Enriching Lives

FMI Food Safety Innovation Award

The FMI Food Safety Innovation Award presented annually in conjunction with the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) to a company or organization for demonstrating a commitment to the advancement of food protection through performance, practice, creation, sustainment, or leadership.

The purpose of this annual award is to recognize companies or organizations that have made an innovative contribution or commitment to food safety and to encourage others in the industry, government, and academia to search for creative solutions and implement new practices in continuing to keep our food the safest it can be.

FMI promotes the importance of food safety practices throughout the supply chain in assuring the health of consumers. The food industry is entrusted to provide consumers the safest possible products and consumers play a major role in food safety as well. To keep food safety awareness and practice consistently high, FMI awards innovation throughout the supply chain as a way to advance best practices and increase consumer confidence.

Qualifications for nominees

- The nominee must be a retail, wholesale or food company engaged in food production, packing, manufacturing, distribution, retailing, or wholesaling. Nominees may also be regulatory agencies of such retail, wholesale or food companies at the local, tribal, state or federal level.
- The company or organization must have a demonstrable record of high standards and professional commitment to food safety.
- Nominee may be considered every year for the same, non-awarded innovation.
- Self-nomination is acceptable.

Nominations

Please provide specific information on the following in 500 words or less. (Nominations exceeding 500 words will not be considered.)

- The name of the company or organization, responsible person, title, and contact information.
- The **innovation**: a new idea; an implemented practice, program, or process; or example of leadership that promotes or improves food safety in the food industry. Provide a thorough description of the innovation, an explanation of benefit or impact, how the innovation is used or applied, and perspective or context that explains its significance, recognition within the community, or adoption by others.

Nominee and contact information:

Innovation:

Review

- An independent peer-review committee has been formed to assess nominations and score nominees. The committee may ask follow-up questions of the nominee for clarification and may verify the provided information, if necessary.

Submitting nominations

- Nominations may be submitted electronically to: hthesmar@FMI.org
Nomination deadline is November 1, 2019.

Presentation

- The award will be presented on January 24, 2020 in conjunction with the FMI Food Safety Committee Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

FMI and IFPTI will recognize the awardee through communication channels including websites and press release. The awardee may advertise/ announce receipt of the award appropriately using their own channels as well.