



## **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, organization or regulatory agency 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, organizations or regulatory agencies 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 safe 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 or a regulatory agency of such retail, wholesale or food companies at the local, tribal, territorial, state or federal level.
- The company, organization or regulatory agency must have a demonstrable record of high standards and professional commitment to food safety.
- Nominees who submitted innovations in previous years but were not awarded remain eligible and may resubmit innovation.
- Previous recipients of the Food Safety Innovation Award may submit nominations for new innovations.
- FMI membership is not required for participation.
- Self-nomination is acceptable.

## Nominations

*In 500 words or less, please provide specific information on the following. (Nominations exceeding 500 words will not be considered.)*

- The name of the company, organization, or regulatory agency and the name, title, and contact information of the person responsible for nomination submission.
- 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.
- 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.

## Submitting nominations

- Nominations must be submitted electronically to Hilary Thesmar: [hthesmar@FMI.org](mailto:hthesmar@FMI.org)  
**Nomination deadline is December 1, 2023.**
- Nominations can be submitted by completing the [Nomination Form](#) below or by providing the requested information in the [Nomination Form](#) in a separate document.

## 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.

## Presentation

- The award recipient will be announced in January 2024.

## Award Recipients

- Information about previous award recipients is available on the FMI Website: <https://www.fmi.org/get-involved/awards/#foodsafety>

**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.**

# Nomination Form

## Nominee and contact information:

*Provide the name of the company, organization, or regulatory agency and the name, title, contact information of the person responsible for nomination submission.*

## Innovation:

*Provide a thorough description of the innovation; explain the benefit or impact the innovation has had on food safety; describe how the innovation is used or applied; and share perspective or context that explains the significance, recognition within the community, or adoption of the innovation by others. (500 words or less)*

Submit Nomination to Hilary Thesmar [hthesmar@fmi.org](mailto:hthesmar@fmi.org).