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## Nominations open for Ingenious Awards on April 3

The annual [ITAC Ingenious Awards](#) program was implemented in 2011 as a way of celebrating the use of technology to improve the performance of large and small businesses, large and small government operations and not-for-profit organizations. Each year, awards are presented in [six categories](#).

Organizations may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. There are so many innovative companies in Canada and we need to celebrate and honour their achievements.

The event will also feature the awarding of the [Canadian CIO of the Year Awards](#), which recognizes overall excellence among Canada's community of CIOs. This award is presented to two outstanding CIOs – one in the public sector and the other in the private sector – who demonstrate the qualities of business and technological vision, entrepreneurship, a capacity to drive enterprise transformation and a measurable operational strength that delivers shareholder or stakeholder value. [Click here](#) to see the list of last year's winners.

### How to nominate a person, initiative or organization

Candidates or their nominators are required to a short project description through the nomination form and clear evidence of the correlation between the technology and measurable business outcomes.

All *Ingenious Awards* winners will undergo a rigorous two-tier evaluation. A panel of executives from the [CIO Association of Canada \(CIOCAN\)](#)<sup>1</sup> will assess all Ingenious nominations and identify the finalists in each category. A second judging panel led by Ronan McGrath and made up of five other senior CIOs and CEOs, including a representative from the CIO Association of Canada and IT World Canada, will select the final winners in each category as well as identify the winners of the Canadian CIO of the Year Awards. Judges will apply due diligence to ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of all entries.

What does a winning entry look like? TMX was a past Ingenious Award winner in the large private sector category. [View their submission](#).

### [Ingenious Award Nomination](#) [Canadian CIO Nomination](#)

#### Who is eligible to compete

- All public, private and not-for-profit organizations operating within Canada
- All projects nominated must take place in Canada to be eligible for this award
- All projects nominated must have taken place within the past two years.

## Awards Presentation and Gala

Award winners will be publicly announced at the Ingenious Award Gala dinner in Toronto on November 6, 2018.

This year, the gala will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the King Edward Hotel. A new format allowing for more networking time, food stations/passed hors d'oeuvre and a shorter awards ceremony in the ballroom.

## Interested in Sponsoring the Awards Program?

There are seven sponsorship level opportunities available – each one providing a myriad of benefits ranging from your corporate name and logo displayed on the ITAC Ingenious Awards website, to a chance to introduce and present the award to an Ingenious Award Winner.

To learn more, contact Janet Title at [jtite@itac.ca](mailto:jtite@itac.ca)

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<sup>i</sup> The CIO Association of Canada (CIOCAN) is a self-managed, not-for-profit community of IT leaders whose mission is to facilitate networking, sharing of best practices and executive development, and to drive advocacy on issues facing IT Executives and CIOs