

Program Overview

Utility Safety Partners (USP) wants to recognize locators in Alberta that represent the fundamental principles of safety, advocacy and participation that make up USP's core values. Each year, USP will award the title of Locator of the Year to one deserving recipient.

You may nominate a peer or industry colleague, an organization or you may self-nominate to be considered for the Locator of the Year. Review the criteria below and if this sounds like you or someone you know, complete and submit the Nomination Form that follows. Nominations are open between October 15th and December 31st.

Criteria and Qualifications

Minimum Requirements

- At least 2 years' experience locating and marking buried utilities
- Knowledge of applicable legislation and regulations
- Knowledge of applicable Best Practices
- Have performed a minimum of 100 locates during the application year
- Has not been awarded "USP Locator of the Year" in previous 3 years

Additional criteria

In addition to the minimum requirements, consideration will be given to the following:

- Level of training
- Engagement with the locating and marking community
- Investigative experience
- Knowledge of locating techniques such as drone, GPS, GPR, etc.
- Knowledge of locating techniques for multiple facility types (E.g. transmission pipeline vs shallow utilities, rural vs civic)

USP Programs and Industry Participation

- Registration in and use of the Alberta DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool)
- Membership with USP in good standing (either individually or as a member of an organization)
- Membership in CAPULC
- Participation on USP Committees
- Participation in industry events and webinars
- Facilitating or sponsoring public programs or community events
- Social media presence and engagement with USP channels
- Promoting ClickBeforeYouDig and process through advertising, promotional items, etc.
- Building positive relationships within the digging and damage prevention community
- Innovation in the locating industry

If you or someone you know deserves to be recognized for their work in damage prevention, complete the nomination form below and submit it to info@utilitysafety.ca.



USP Locator of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____ Application Year: _____

Category:

Organization

Individual

Submission Date: _____

Nominated by: Self Nomation Other (name): _____

SECTION A – TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Criteria	Nominee information
How long has the nominee been performing locates (Years)	
What professional training has the nominee had?	
Approximately how many locates did the nominee perform in the application year?	
Has the nominee completed additional training or obtained certifications?	
What locating techniques is the nominee versed in?	
Did the nominee ever attend USP-certified Ground Disturbance 101 or 201 Training?	
Has the nominee had any experience performing investigations?	
Tell us what makes the nominee stand out in their field.	

Additional Comments: (Does the nominee train or mentor others? Do they promote training? Etc)



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SECTION B – DAMAGES and DAMAGE REPORTING

Criteria	Nominee Information
Has the nominee registered with Alberta's Private Virtual Damage Information Tool (DIRT)?	
Has the nominee ever reported damages into DIRT?	
Has the nominee been responsible for implementing changes after a damage to prevent a recurrence?	
Is the nominee familiar with the Annual DIRT Report?	

Additional Comments (tell us about actions the nominee may have taken to prevent damages related to locating)



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SECTION C – USP PARTNERSHIP and SUPPORT

Criteria	Nominee Information
Is the nominee a member in good standing with USP?	
Does the nominee participate in USP or other damage prevention committees?	
Does the nominee subscribe to the USP Newsletter?	
Does the nominee have a social media presence?	
Does the nominee follow and/or engage with USP on any social media channels?	
Has the nominee attended a USP event, USP sponsored event or other industry event?	
How does the nominee support or promote the ClickBeforeYouDig call to action?	
Describe the nominee’s relationship with the locating community.	
Describe the nominee’s relationship with other industry stakeholders?	
What other ways does the nominee promote and/or enhance damage prevention in Alberta?	

In your own words, tell us why this nominee should be considered for USP Locator of the Year.

Thank you for your submission for USP Locator of the Year. Email this form to info@utilityafety.ca

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Committee and only the top 3 candidates will be contacted further. Recognition recipients are announced prior to DigSafe Month.

Your Name: _____ Email: _____