

EPCOR PAYMENT SYSTEMS AWARDS NOMINATION PACKET

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PAYMENT SYSTEMS AWARDS

It is okay to brag! EPCOR wants to hear about your successes! Each year, EPCOR recognizes individuals and organizations for their outstanding leadership, innovation and excellence in the development, implementation or advancement of electronic payments and risk mitigation solutions with *The Marquis Award* and/or *The David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award*. The awards are presented at the *EPCOR Payments Conference – Spring and Fall*.

All EPCOR members, including depository financial institutions, affiliates and associates, and their affiliated organizations, are eligible nominees. We invite your nominations via the official nomination form. You can even nominate yourself!

THE AWARDS

THE MARQUIS AWARD

Established in 1990, *Marquis Awards* are presented annually to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated leadership in the implementation, advancement or awareness of ACH payments; or have exhibited long-standing support and contributions to the EPCOR mission.

- Has your organization implemented forward-thinking financial products- such as a P2P service or mobile application for your customers or members?
- Have you developed or championed practices instrumental in the advancement of ACH Payments, such as implementing the Federal Reserve's Same-Day ACH product or offering an ACH credit solution to small businesses?

Past Recipients Include:

- **2013 Marquis Award:** Pulaski Bank was acknowledged for its progressive program to serve the unbanked and underbanked consumers in the St. Louis region.
- **2013 Marquis Award:** Fifth Third Bank was recognized for its Fifth Third Financial Empowerment Mobile (eBus & eBus II) program which provides financial advice and guidance to low-income, underserved areas.
- **2012 Marquis Award:** Jerry Woessner, President, EPCOR was formally recognized for his contributions to the payments industry.
- **2012 Marquis Award:** Debbie Howell was acknowledged for her 30-year career at the Federal Reserve Bank where she promoted ACH origination and more efficient use of the ACH Network.
- **2011 Marquis Award:** Montgomery County Treasurer's Office was acknowledged for expanding awareness and utilization of ACH payments; specifically increased payment options and services to its local citizens.
- **2011 Marquis Award:** Brotherhood Bank & Trust was recognized for their emphasis on the safety and soundness of ACH to its underbanked, Hispanic customers.
- **2010 Marquis Award:** Commerce Bank was acknowledged for having Accredited ACH Professionals (AAPs) on staff in virtually all business lines.

- **2010 Marquis Award:** Dollar Bank was recognized for being a champion of the Electronic Billing Information Delivery Service (EBIDS).

THE DAVID P. DEMAREA PAYMENTS INNOVATION AWARD

The *David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* is presented to an individual or organization that has implemented innovative payments or risk management solutions. This award is named after the late David P. DeMarea, longstanding EPCOR Director and Senior Vice President of ARVEST Bank Operations.

- Have you implemented a proactive strategy or policy addressing payments system risk?
- Does your organization utilize a robust methodology for onboarding new originators and/or third parties?
- Has your organization developed or implemented an innovative mobile, bill payments or security solution to serve your customers/members?

Past Recipients Include:

- **2013 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award:** Paycom was recognized for its comprehensive ACH Risk Management Policy that addresses client due diligence practices for the on-boarding of new clients, in addition to their promotion of Direct Deposit *via ACH*.
- **2012 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award:** ACH Alert's A.L.E.R.T. service was acknowledged for its ability to provide Originators with instant visibility and control to stop unauthorized ACH credits and wires from leaving the institution.
- **2011 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award:** Debbie DeMarea accepted the first Payments Innovation Award in honor of her husband's contributions to the payments industry, EPCOR and its predecessor associations.

OTHER MARQUIS AWARD RECIPIENTS

2009	APEX-ACH, U.S. Central Federal Credit Union	1998	Missouri State Treasurer's Office; Missouri Department of Social Services
2008	Nebraska State Treasurer's Office	1996	Southwestern Bell
2005	American National Property & Casualty Company	1995	Twentieth Century Investors
2004	Ameritrade, Inc.	1994	Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company
2003	Jackson County, Missouri	1991	Union Electric; State of Nebraska; NACHA
2002	Shelter Insurance Companies	1990	Financial Management Service; U.S. Department of Treasury; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Marion Merrell Dow, Inc.
2001	Kansas State Treasurer's Office		
2000	SBC Services, Inc.		
1999	Ameren Corporation		

TOP 5 REASONS TO NOMINATE

1. Public recognition at the annual *EPCOR Payments Conference* luncheon (Spring & Fall)—Recipients receive photos from conference awards ceremony, for use in promotional efforts
2. EPCOR Press release and Social Media outreach
3. News article on the recipients in *News You Can Use* (e-Newsletter)
4. Permanent addition to the “Hall of Fame” section of www.epcor.org
5. Recognition in the Member Services catalog and EPCOR annual report



SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit your nominations for the *EPCOR Marquis Award* or *David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* at any time. Nominations will be reviewed and considered in conjunction with the upcoming *EPCOR Payments Conference - Spring or Fall*.

Please submit nominations via the form below or send a completed copy via email to Ann-Marie Bartels at ann-marieb@epcor.org.

If necessary, please fax hard copies to 816.471.7665, attention Ann-Marie Bartels or mail to:

EPCOR
Attn: Ann-Marie Bartels
3100 Broadway, Suite 555
Kansas City, MO 64111

Nominators understand and agree that their submissions will become the property of EPCOR. EPCOR may edit and publish the material on its website and in other EPCOR publications, newsletters or incorporate into training.



PAYMENT SYSTEMS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: APRIL 15 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

I would like to nominate the individual or organization indicated below for:

EPCOR Marquis Award

Presented annually to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated leadership in the implementation, advancement or awareness of ACH payments; or have exhibited long-standing support and contributions to the EPCOR mission.

David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award

Presented to an individual or organization that has implemented innovative payments or risk management solutions.

Nomination:

Nominee's Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email Address:

Submitter's Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email Address:

1. Description of program, project, practice, procedure or innovative payments/risk management solution:

2. Statement that demonstrates one of the following:

- a. Leadership in the implementation, advancement or expanded awareness/utilization of ACH payments (Marquis Award)
b. Long-standing support and contributions to the EPCOR mission (Marquis Award)
c. Implementation of innovative payments or risk management solutions (Payments Innovation Award)

3. Benefits to the organization or customers:



PAYMENT SYSTEMS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM CONT.

Include the following information as applicable:

4. Supporting statistics e.g. increased ACH volume from XX to XXX in 12 months:

5. Survey results and/or customer feedback:

6. Applicability to other payment systems participants:

7. Lessons learned:

8. Other relevant information:

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Signature

Date

SUBMIT