



MINNESOTA SFI[®] IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
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Dear Industry Colleague:

The Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] Program Implementation Committee is now accepting nominations for our 2010 Logger of the Year Award. We encourage you to nominate an exceptional logger today. **The winning logger will receive a \$500 cash award and “2010 Logger of the Year” plaque.**

To nominate an outstanding logger, please complete the short nomination form and in no more than two pages, describe why you think your nominee should receive the Minnesota SFI Implementation Committee Logger of the Year Award. Your nomination should include information about how the nominee excels in the areas of forest management, timber harvesting, business management, safety, and other information.

The enclosed form includes a list of questions for you to *consider* when making your nomination. **You are not expected to address all of questions and they are by no means all-inclusive.**

Nominations are due March 12, 2010. All nominations will be reviewed and a Logger of the Year selected the end of March. The winner will be notified in April and the award will be presented at the MLEP Logger Conferences.

If you have any questions about the award or nomination process, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tim O'Hara
Coordinator
MN SFI Implementation Committee

Logger of the Year

2010- Make your nomination today!
2009- Berthiaume Logging LLC
2008- Pittack Logging, Inc.
2007- McCabe Forest Products
2006- Rieger Logging, Inc.



**MINNESOTA SFI® IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
LOGGER OF THE YEAR AWARD
2010**

AWARD OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Recognize outstanding independent logging contractor performance.
- 2) Increase the visibility of competent professional independent logging contractors within the forestry community.
- 3) Encourage peers (other independent logging contractors) to emulate the outstanding performance of award winners.
- 4) Improve forester-logger-landowner relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned timber harvest.

AREAS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION:

Your nomination should include information about how the nominee excels in the following five areas which address forest management, timber harvesting, business management, safety, and other information. These issues should be answered in narrative form. The statements and questions listed under each of the following areas are provided for your *consideration* when making your nomination.

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SAFETY INFORMATION:

- Nominee establishes and enforces harvesting and transportation safety standards/regulations/practices...and personally adheres to them?
- Nominee and employees use personal protective equipment?
- Nominee conducts monthly safety meetings with employees?
- Describe safety features or modifications on harvesting/transportation equipment.
- Nominee has developed unique approaches to safety (i.e., bonus for number of hours of safe work, etc.)
- Other safety information?

FOREST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:

- Nominee knows and follows SFI requirements and Minnesota Forest Management Guidelines.
- Describe how nominee plans, constructs, and retires landings and road systems.
- Nominee follows forest management plans?
- Nominee carries out soil erosion protection measures?
- Nominee has developed some unique approaches to forest management with landowners?
- Other forest management information?

TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION:

- Nominee's utilization standards?
- Nominee practices top and slash disposal?
- Nominee concerned with aesthetics of timber harvesting?
- Nominee cleans up landings at job completion?

- Nominee leaves buffer strips along streams and roads?
- Nominee adheres to local timber harvesting ordinances/regulations?
- Scheduled maintenance program?
- Other timber harvesting information?

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:

- Describe types of insurance (Workers Comp, health, retirement, liability, life, hazard) which nominee carries for operation, employees, or personally.
- Describe relationship between nominee and local business community.
- Nominee uses written contracts when purchasing or cutting and hauling timber?
- Describe nominee's payroll and bookkeeping system.
- Other business management information?
- Nominee is a member of the Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP)

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Nominee's previous awards?
- Does nominee maintain any community or association memberships? Has he ever served on any committees, held offices, or been active in other programs?
- Does nominee have any family involvement in the business?
- Describe nominee's ability to work cooperatively with landowners, foresters, general public, other loggers, press, etc.
- Nominee distributes the Landowner's Manual (forest management, association membership, safety, etc.)?
- Describe how nominee handles referrals for forest management assistance.
- Describe any presentations on logging/harvesting made by nominee.
- List or describe any news articles, press coverage, etc. on logging/timber harvesting by nominee.
- Does nominee participate in Log A Load for Kids campaign or other charitable fundraising activities?
- Other?

TIMELINE:

Deadline for nominations: March 12, 2010

MN SIC Reviews nominations and selects award winner: March 2010

Presentation of Award: April 2010

AWARD PRIZES:

\$500 cash and Logger of the Year plaque.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Nominations should be mailed, faxed or emailed to Tim O'Hara at:

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