



# Sustainable Forestry Initiative Minnesota Implementation Committee Logger of the Year Nomination 2023

**The objective of the SFI SIC Logger of the Year award is to:**

- 1) Recognize outstanding Minnesota independent logging contractor performance.
- 2) Increase the visibility of competent professional independent logging contractors within the forestry community.
- 3) Encourage 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.

**Instructions:** This form is intended to be filled out by anyone wishing to nominate a Minnesota-based logging professional for the SFI SIC Logger of the Year award. Please fill it out as completely as you can, including calling others to gather or provide the necessary information. Click on the shaded box and a drop-down menu will appear, or you can type in your answer. Include appropriate supporting documentation, including photos, contracts, etc. We strongly recommend collecting Letters of Support for your nominee from private landowners, peers, industry professionals and agency contacts to strengthen your nomination.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashlee Lehner, SFI SIC Coordinator, at 218-391-4883 or [alehner@minnesotaforests.com](mailto:alehner@minnesotaforests.com). **Applications are due by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 3, 2023.**

1. Nomination Information					
Nominee Name					
Business Name					
Mailing Address		City		State	ZIP
Phone Number		Cell		Email	
Nominator Name					
Business Name					
Mailing Address		City		State	ZIP
Phone Number		Cell		Email	
Years in Operation		Multi-Generation?			
Number of Employees		Are any employees also family members?			
Number of Crews		How many QLPs per crew?			

2. Safety Information	
Nominee establishes, adheres to, and enforces harvesting and transportation safety standards, regulations and practices.	
Nominee and employees always use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).	
Nominee conducts and documents regular safety meetings with employees.	
Nominee has developed unique approaches to boost safety (bonus, staff recognition, incentives, etc.).	
Nominee has installed safety features and modifications on harvesting or transportation equipment.	
Nominee has a scheduled equipment maintenance program.	
How many on-the-job injuries has the company had within the past 3 years?	

How many on-the-job injuries has the company had within the past 5 years?	
Please describe the nominee's unique and notable safety practices, features, equipment or accomplishments.	

<b>3. Forest Management Information</b>	
Nominee adheres to Minnesota Voluntary Site Level Guidelines and SFI Forest Management Standards.	
Nominee adheres to forest management plans and sale specifications.	
Nominee carries out soil protection measures.	
Nominee is concerned about how a harvest site looks afterwards.	
Nominee cleans up log landings and trails after harvesting.	
Nominee leaves buffer strips along water bodies and roads.	
Nominee practices top and slash disposal measures.	
Nominee's crews have spill kits and fire prevention equipment on every operation.	
Nominee has developed unique approaches to forest management with landowners.	
Describe how the nominee handles referrals for forest management assistance.	
Describe how the nominee plans, constructs, and retires forest roads and log landings.	
Please describe notable examples of the nominee's work with landowners.	
Please provide other supporting information on nominee's forest management practices.	

<b>4. Timber Industry Involvement Information</b>	
Nominee is a member of Minnesota Logger Education Program.	
Nominee is a member of the Timber Producer's Association or other similar organization.	
Nominee is very familiar with SFI Standards and the importance of SFI Certification to industry.	
Nominee has been directly involved in an SFI audit with an industry or agency partner.	
Nominee distributes the SFI Landowner Manual to private landowners.	
Nominee participates in Log a Load for Kids or similar charity.	
Please list the nominee's industry-related Board of Directors involvement, as well as any public presentations, news articles, press coverage, legislative testimony, etc. on the logging industry, and other industry involvement.	

<b>5. Business Management Information</b>	
Nominee demonstrates sound business practices.	
Nominee uses written contracts when working with private landowners.	
Describe the nominee's payroll and bookkeeping system.	
List the types of insurance the nominee carries for the operation and employees.	
Please describe the nominee's relationship with the local business community.	
Please indicate any other business information relevant to the nominee's qualifications for this award.	

<b>6. Other Information</b>
Outside of the timber industry, is the nominee a member of any community organizations or associations? Has the nominee served on committees, held office, or been active in other programs or activities either inside or outside of the industry? If so, list them.
List any awards the nominee has received.
Provide any other information relevant to the nominee's qualifications for this award.

The SIC strongly recommends that nomination forms are accompanied by Letters of Support from landowners, foresters, peers, and/or agency staff that can support the nominee's qualifications for the Award.

**TIMELINE:**

**Deadline for nominations: Friday March 3, 2023 at 4:30 pm**

**MN SIC Reviews nominations and selects award winner: March 2023**

**Presentation of Award: April 2023**

**AWARD PRIZES:**

**\$500 cash and Logger of the Year plaque.**

**Winner is nominated for the Forest Resources Association Lake States Outstanding Logger of the Year.**

**Nominations should be mailed, faxed or emailed to**

Minnesota SIC

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