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Benelux Power Excellence Awards 2023

I. Announcement -

Unlock Your Brilliance with BeNeLux Power: The Epitome of IBM Power Innovation in Europe! We are thrilled to announce the commencement of nominations for the prestigious Benelux Power 2023 Excellence Awards. This is your golden opportunity to bask in the spotlight, as we invite outstanding clients, visionary BPs/ISVs/Consultants, and forward-thinking students to shine a spotlight on their exceptional IT solutions and ground-breaking projects, either in progress or completed. It's your moment to make history by nominating yourself as a distinguished client, a luminary BP/ISV/Consultant on behalf of your clients, or a team of ingenious students. Be part of the Benelux Power Excellence Awards and join the ranks of innovation trailblazers! [The nomination deadline for the 2023 awards is Sunday, 22 October 2023, 23:59 hours CEST.](#)

Fees -

- Free for Platinum or Well-wisher level sponsors of Benelux Power.
- Free for students, invited customers or BP/ISV/consultants
- Free for client members of Common Belgium, Common Netherlands or Common Luxembourg.
- Non-member clients - 250 Euros
- Bronze, Silver or Gold level sponsors of Benelux Power - 250 Euros
- Non-sponsor BP/ISV - 500 Euros
 - For non-students, the solutions should already exist and if submitted by a BP/ISV/Consultant should be easily implementable at other locations.
 - For students, it could be a finished or ongoing project.
 - A jury of representatives of IBM and industry experts will select the winner and the nominees. Their decisions are final.
 - There will be 6 nominees (1 winner and 1 finalist for students and 2 winners and 2 finalists for nonstudents) and they will be announced during the Benelux Power 2023 conference, 07 November. Client or student nominees submit their solutions themselves, BP/ISV/Consultants showcase their solution through a client where it is up and running.

II. What will the winners and finalists receive (for each category) -

All the winners and finalists will be honoured during the opening session of Benelux Power Expo and Conference in Tilburg on 07 November 2023, where the winners will be announced. They receive:

1. An award + Certificate for the winner,
2. Certificates for the finalists,
3. Wide publicity in Social Media and in IBM and industry national and international press (**important to note - IBM includes majority of winner stories in their Client stories published on the IBM website**).

III. Award explanations -

This award demonstrates the best IT project on any topic for students and the versatility of the Power Systems and/or the integrated IBM i platform for other nominees. Students demonstrate innovativeness and/or uniqueness of the project whereas clients or BP/ISV/consultants nominees



need to demonstrate IT infrastructure, security or Application Development excellence achieved with the Power Systems or IBM i.

IV. Timeline -

1. First week of October 2023 - Awards website open for submissions,
2. Sunday 22 October 23:59 CEST - Submission Deadline,
3. 23 September to 29 October - Judges' review for the 2 winners and 2 finalists for non-students submissions and one winner and one finalist for student submissions.
4. Tuesday 07 November - Winners and nominees honoured during Benelux Power Expo and Conference opening Session.

V. Guidelines -

1. Submission deadline is Sunday 22 October, 23:59 hours CEST.
2. Non-students submitters must be members of Common Belgium, Common Netherlands or Common Luxembourg and Power Systems or IBM i clients. IBM Business Partners, ISV's or Consultants, will submit on behalf of their client.
3. All mandatory questions on the submission form must be completed.
4. Submit your projects or solutions through link:
<https://www.common.be/benelux-power-2023-excellence-awards/>.
5. All submissions are considered final unless a resubmission is requested before the deadline.
6. In case of resubmission(s), the last submission form before the deadline will be considered final.
7. Clients must indicate their company's consent to submit the nomination by providing the name, title and e-mail of an authorized representative from their company.
8. Students must indicate their academic institution's consent to submit the nomination by providing the name, title and e-mail of the professor directing the project.
9. Business partners, ISVs or Consultants must provide client contact details. If needed, Benelux Power will verify the solution existence and the satisfaction of the client.
10. By submitting, the submitter is also consenting to all promotional activity as described in the Terms and Conditions on the submission tab on the web site.
11. Do not forward any information that is confidential for you or to any third party.
12. Benelux Power decisions are final.

VII. Judging criteria -

Judging is done following these guidelines:

1. Entries are evaluated on their thoroughness and completeness. The size of the entry does not influence evaluation.
2. For non-students entries will be considered based upon description including, innovation, uniqueness, repeatability and the inclusion of current Power Systems and IBM i products and offerings.
3. For students entries will be considered based upon description including, innovation, uniqueness, and excellence of any IT solution.
4. In the event of a score tie, the decision is handed over to a third party judge (IBM, COMMON or industry expert chosen by Benelux Power or IBM Benelux).



VIII. Terms and conditions -

By submitting your nomination for the 2023 Benelux Power Excellence Awards, you agree to have your submission materials reviewed by a jury composed of industry experts, Benelux Power and IBM representatives. Nominees agree to the terms outlined below.

Benelux Power plans to promote the winners and nominees of the 2023 Excellence Awards. These promotional activities may include, but not limited to, promotional materials such as print media, the web, video, and press releases. If you are chosen as a nominee/winner, you are consenting to:

1. Listing your company information or academic institution - Name, Logo, Product or project Name, URL, and Award Name.
2. Use of your submission materials for evaluation and promotion.
3. Recording, photographing, and/or videotaping testimonials regarding your nomination.

If you are a solution provider, consulting company, or Business Partner that is submitting a nomination for a project conducted at a third-party company, you are responsible for securing all releases from that company listing Benelux Power, including, but not limited to, the items described above.

IX. Submission link - <https://www.common.be/benelux-power-2023-excellence-awards/>

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