

THE WRITA AWARDS



2026 INAUGURAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM
WRITA SPRING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

APRIL 27TH
MESA,
ARIZONA

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR
DATA, GIS, & INSIGHTS EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBLE AI & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY
PUBLIC SECTOR TECHNOLOGY LEADER OF THE YEAR
OUTSTANDING VENDOR PARTNERSHIP

WILL YOU BE THE FIRST TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY?

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Technology Initiative of the Year

Recognizes a technology project that delivered meaningful, measurable results for residents or internal operations, regardless of agency size.

Submissions should clearly demonstrate:

- The real problem addressed
- Measurable improvements achieved
- Tangible benefits to residents or staff
- Potential for replication in other agencies

Responsible AI & Emerging Technology

Recognizes thoughtful, ethical, and effective use of artificial intelligence or closely related emerging technologies that deliver real-world value.

Submissions should address:

- The operational need or opportunity
- Measurable outcomes achieved
- Transparency in implementation
- Ethical oversight and risk management
- Long-term sustainability

Data, GIS & Insights Excellence

Recognizes practical and effective use of data, analytics, dashboards, or GIS tools to improve decision-making, service delivery, or transparency.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- How data informed actual decisions
- Practical application in operations or policy
- Measurable outcomes achieved
- Sustainability and replicability of the approach

Public Sector Technology Leader of the Year

Recognizes an individual technology leader who delivered meaningful outcomes while operating within limited resources and who built people, partnerships, and organizational capability.

Submissions should demonstrate:

- Results achieved under constraint
- Responsible stewardship of resources
- Mentorship and team development
- Culture building and change leadership
- Cross-agency collaboration
- Long-term capability building

Outstanding Vendor Partnership

Recognizes a vendor and public sector partnership that went beyond traditional contracting to deliver shared success, trust, and measurable public value.

This award honors collaboration, not just implementation. Submissions may be made by the agency, the vendor, or jointly.

Strong submissions demonstrate:

- Collaborative problem-solving
- Alignment with public sector values
- Shared accountability for results
- Measurable public value
- Knowledge transfer and internal capability building
- Flexibility in addressing real-world public sector constraints



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Who May Submit

Nominations may be submitted by:

- Public sector agencies
- Individual technology leaders
- Vendor partners
- Joint public sector and vendor teams

Self-nominations are encouraged.

If your work delivered measurable results, we invite you to share your story. *You must be a WRITA member.*

Nomination Process

1. Select the appropriate award category
2. **Complete the official nomination form**
3. Provide measurable outcomes and supporting details
4. **Submit by Friday, April 3, 2026**

All submissions will be reviewed by a regional panel of public sector leaders using a structured scoring framework to ensure fairness and consistency.

Important Dates

Nominations Open: February 25, 2026

Submission Deadline: April 3, 2026

Awards Ceremony: 2026 WRITA Spring Conference & Exhibition

Why This Matters

Across the WRITA region, public sector technology leaders are delivering meaningful results under real constraints. Agencies are modernizing systems, strengthening cybersecurity, improving service delivery, and using data and emerging technologies responsibly. Much of this work happens without public attention, yet its impact on residents and internal operations is significant.

The WRITA Awards were created to recognize that substance. They focus on measurable outcomes, responsible stewardship, and practical innovation rather than scale or novelty. By elevating initiatives, leaders, and partnerships that solved real problems, the awards highlight models others can learn from and adapt.

As the inaugural year, 2026 establishes the benchmark. The work recognized this year will help define what excellence looks like across our region and reinforce the standards that guide public sector technology forward.

