

Accepting Nominations
2019 EBT Pioneer Award
2019 EBT Project of the Year Award
2019 Distinguished Service Award
2019 Leadership Award

The Executive Committee of the eGovernment Payments Council is now accepting nominations for the Council's annual awards: the EBT Pioneer and Project of the Year awards. In addition, we have two additional categories that are available for consideration if nominations are received. These two categories are the Distinguished Service Award and the Leadership Award. Typically, these additional categories are a result of special and exemplary circumstances.

Please follow the criteria and instructions below if you wish to place a nomination.

EBT Pioneer

The Pioneer award is given annually to an individual who has made significant and long-lasting contributions to the practice of EBT. Federal, state and private sector practitioners are eligible for this award.

For example, prior award winners have included Tim O'Connor of USDA, for his early work on the formative structure of a national EBT policy, Jan Walters of the Iowa Department of Human Services, for her groundbreaking work on extending EBT to farmers markets, and Peter Relich of Maximus, for his significant contributions over many years to the development of EBT standards and technology.

Nominated candidates should be EBT industry veterans and should have one or more significant accomplishments in the practice of EBT to their credit, and for which they are being nominated.

Project of the Year

The Project of the Year award is given annually to an EBT project that breaks new ground in one way or another in the practice of EBT. In doing so, a project recognized with this award develops a body of knowledge from which other projects can draw.

Prior Project of the Year winners include the California Health and Welfare Data Center for its work in managing the complexity of a statewide EBT rollout that involved 58 county-administered systems and multiple state welfare management systems; the Louisiana Department of Social Services for its groundbreaking work in Disaster Relief during the hurricanes of 2005; the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, for demonstrating the viability of its "commercial model" of offline WIC EBT; and the Michigan Department of Community Health for its successful statewide implementation of an online WIC EBT system.

Projects nominated for this award should demonstrate the following: 1) a solution to a unique challenge; 2) a successful completion, such as a statewide implementation; and 3) a body of knowledge developed as a result of that success and which can be shared by other similar projects.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award has been given annually since 2010 to individuals that have consistently exhibited notable service to the many stakeholders we serve. Individuals who have

been awarded this honor in the past have included Ellen Vollinger of FRAC and Cheryl Kagee and Scott Barnette from the States of Alaska and Colorado respectively. Any future nominations for this category should be special contributors who selflessly put their efforts into helping those in need.

Nominated candidates should be EBT industry veterans and have shown significant accomplishments in the practice of EBT for which they are being nominated.

Leadership Award

In 2014, this category was created to recognize one of our own who had been with the eGPC since inception. Our inaugural award was given to Bob Bucceri for his contribution to the Council and the EBT community as a whole. Bob's long-term efforts and leadership to our Council and the EBT community is the criteria we strive for nominations in this category.

Future nominations should exhibit these same qualities with an emphasis on leadership.

How to Nominate

Nominations should be emailed to Kurt Helwig, President & CEO, Electronic Funds Transfer Association (MelanieRenner@efta.org). Nominations must include the name of the person or project nominated and a paragraph (no longer than 500 words) stating why that nominee is worthy of the award. Nominations close Friday, September 13, 2019.