

International Society
Of
Mine Safety Professionals



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Mr. Russell Payton
TXI
1341 West Mockingbird Lane
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Dear Mr. Payton:

As Executive Director, Awards Chairman, and a founding father of the International Society of Mine Safety Professionals (ISMSP), I am pleased and honored to inform you that TXI is receiving the Society's prestigious ***H. L. Boling Above and Beyond Safety Award***. This award is presented at the International Society of Mine Safety Professionals Critical Issues Conference awards banquet on May 18, 2010 at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Eligibility for the award is determined according to specific criteria, and can only be nominated by members in good standing within the Society. The ISMSP is proud of our passion for safe production in the mining industry and by honoring those who are committed to consistent safe behaviors and advancements in mining safety cultures and technology the Society strengthens as a whole sharing our processes and accomplishments.

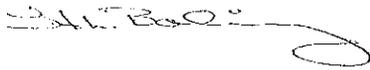
Safety professionals from the committee and mining community are asked to objectively rank nominees based on the criteria. The esteemed H. L. Boling Above and Beyond Safety Award is presented to mine support organizations or companies who emulate the example set by H. L. Boling, a founding father of the ISMSP. This award is given to organizations/companies who demonstrate an outstanding dedication to safety and health excellence, extraordinary leadership skills as part of achieving an exemplary safety and health record, or has made an outstanding contribution assisting the mining industry with safety and health issues such as program development, training, monitoring, and related safety procedures. Following the review process, the consensus was that TXI receive this year's H. L. Boling Above and Beyond Safety Award.

At the Awards Banquet, I will pay tribute to TXI and those in attendance representing your company by personally presenting this award to them. I am hopeful TXI will have several representatives to accept this award at the banquet.

For your information some of the past recipients of this award are: Penn State, Virginia Tech, University of Utah, NIOSH Spokane Research Center, Colorado School of Mines, University of Alaska, Anthony Whitworth, CMSP and Mine Safety Training Inc., Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company and West Virginia College of Engineering and Metal Resources, Buckley Powder Company and the University of Arizona Mining and Engineering Division. TXI just joined an elite group of exceptional leaders.

I applaud your accomplishments past, present and those to come. For 43 years, I have been reaching out to industry, regulatory agencies and educators such as you with emphasis on leadership, attitude, training, and behavioral modification. I want to tell you how proud I am of your recognition through this award. I am honored to know you and many of the TXI group. I've been fortunate to have worked with several of you promoting safety and health throughout industry. Congratulations TXI. On behalf of the Society, thank you for your unrelenting contributions to the mining industry.

Regards in Safe Production,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. L. Boling", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and loops back under the name.

H. L. Boling, C.M.S.P.
Executive Director & Awards Chairman