

ATTENTION OTC 2026 EXHIBITORS

SUBMIT YOUR LATEST TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE ASME 41ST ANNUAL WOELFEL BEST MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dear OTC 2026 Exhibitor,

As a proud co-sponsor of OTC 2026, the ASME Petroleum Division invites you to submit your cutting-edge technologies for consideration in the 41st Annual Woelfel Best Mechanical Engineering Achievement (BMEA) Award and the Best Mechanical Engineering Innovation Award. These awards are open exclusively to OTC 2026 exhibitors.

These distinguished honors celebrate products, devices, or systems showcased at OTC that demonstrate exceptional innovation or practical application of mechanical engineering—whether by solving industry challenges, advancing design, or elevating performance.

Award recipients and finalists will be recognized at a private reception at the start of OTC, offering valuable visibility and access to industry media throughout the week. Prior to the conference, the ASME judging committee will review all submissions and select a group of finalists. Finalists will be highlighted on the exhibition floor with dedicated signage and materials. The committee will visit each finalist's display on opening day to determine the winner.

Submission Deadline: Friday, February 9, 2026

Additional Information & Application Materials:

BMEA Award:

<https://www.asme.org/about-asme/honors-awards/unit-awards/otc-best-engineering-achievement-award>

BMEA Innovation Award:

<https://www.asme.org/about-asme/honors-awards/unit-awards/otc-woelfel-achievement-award>

Application downloads are available beneath the first paragraph on each website.

Please follow the instructions at the bottom of the submission form for how to submit your application. For questions or assistance accessing the materials, contact Danielle Rojas at rojasd@asme.org



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PAST BMEA AND BMEA INNOVATION WINNERS

2025

igus, Inc. - e-loop®

Bardex Corporation - BarMoor™ Quick Connector

2024

Bardex Corporation - Off Vessel Tensioning (OVT) BarLatch™ mooring system (BMEA Winner)

Bridgeflow Valve LTD – BridgeFlow Model “Y” Trunnion Mounted Mechanized Ball Valve (TMMBV) (BMEA Innovation Winner)

2023

Rampart Products - Rotary Fit Connector System featuring RamTac™ (BMEA)

Aquatec Group – PIPEguardian - Innovation

2022

DarkVision Technologies Inc. – DarkVision HADES-F™ - (BMEA)

Aquatec Group - KINEKtron® - (Innovation)

Oxford Flow Ltd - ES Series Actuated Valve – (Innovation)

2021 - Not Awarded

2020 - Not Awarded

2019

AFGlobal Corporation – Active Control Device (ACD) (Innovation) & DuraStim® Pump (Achievement)

2018

Baker Hughes, a GE Company - Kymera™ Mach 4 Hybrid Drill Bit

2017

Frank's International Combination Drillpipe and Casing Handling System – Achievement

TechnipFMC 15K 400°F HPHT Subsea Production System - Innovation

2016

Aker Solutions – CL4 Subsea Electric Actuator, EL-Drive®

2015

Versabar – Versacutter

2014

Baker Hughes for Harpoon Cut and Pull – Achievement

FMC Technologies for Offshore Loading Arm Footless (OLAF) – Innovation

2013

Managed Pressure Operations, part of Aker Solutions for Riser Safety System - RSS

2012

Baker Hughes for the MaxCOR Large-Diameter Rotary Sidewall Coring Service

2011

Aker Solutions for VCS, Vertical Connection System

Deep Down, Inc. - 3,400 Ton Umbilical Carousel

2010

Nautilus Rigging for Nautilus Hooks

2009

Offshore Solutions, BV for Offshore Access System (OAS)

2008

Versabar

Full historical listing can be found on the Award website on page 1 of this document.

ASME BMEA COMPETITION AT OTC HOUSTON | 2026 | OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

1. Name of product, device or system (how it is identified – please provide name as you want it displayed with correct capitalization and TM/M marks)

2. Company (or individual) responsible for design. Include complete name, address, telephone number and email.

3. When was the design completed? Month/year

4. When was it offered to the market? Month/year

5. Was this design previously described in any publication? No Yes Which?

6. Is this idea patented? If so, Patent No. Patent applied for and Serial No.

Use additional paper to complete the following and attach to entry form.

7. What was the design/development problem? What needed improvement or correction?

8. Describe the design/development solution to the problem.
(Include documentation such as blueprints, drawings, sketches or photographs that show what was done. Judges may reject designs they do not understand because of inadequate descriptive accompaniment.)

9. Describe the specific innovation in mechanical engineering.

10. What benefits to the manufacturer were realized through this design?

11. What benefits to the user were realized through this design?

12. Please take under consideration the following judging criteria in no particular order:

- a. Novelty
- b. Impact on Industry
- c. HSE
- d. State of Development
- e. Presentation

13. Submitted by: Main Contact

Company

Mailing Address (Or post Google Link)

City State Zip

Telephone: () Fax: ()

E-Mail:

OTC Booth # (required)

Submission of Entry:

- Each entry is asked to enclose illustrations, photos and videos of your product to enhance the description of your entry for the judges.
 - 5 finalists will be selected a few weeks prior to OTC. Finalists will be required to submit a 2-minute video (MP4) of your product to be shown during our awards ceremony. Your video will only be shown if you win the BMEA, or the Innovation Award. Due to the less than 24hr turnaround from selection to presentation, we ask for the videos up front.
 - 1 copy of this form is required of all entries using either email or other approved method.
 - If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours that your entry has been received, please contact Danielle Rojas at rojasd@asme.org
- Email submission form along with images/videos/illustrations of the technology in a zipped file to: Danielle Rojas, rojasd@asme.org
 - If your file is too large for email, please use the below dropbox to turn in your submission documents in a zipped file.
- Submit application here: <https://asme.sharefile.com/remoteupload/a6b9c483-281d-47e7-9273-0f4a0a0a0a0a>

Electronic copy of all entries due to Danielle Rojas at RojasD@asme.org by February 9th , 2026.

Please contact Danielle Rojas, 281-810-5461 or rojasd@asme.org with any questions regarding this award and any submission issues.