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SUBJ: 2024 RADM WILLIAM M. BENKERT ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SOLICITATION

1. The U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting applications from the maritime industry for the biennial Rear Admiral William M. Benkert Award for Environmental Excellence. This program recognizes corporations and businesses involved in marine facility or vessel operations that have demonstrated sustained excellence and outstanding achievement in protecting the marine environment. It also encourages innovations in operations, maintenance, cargo handling, refueling, and training while providing a means to share best practices with others in the maritime community.

2. The 2024 Award will be presented during the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) Safety at Sea National Maritime Day seminar and Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER) awards in May 2024. More details will be announced as the event approaches.

3. Districts, Sectors, and Marine Safety Units/Detachments are requested to forward this solicitation to the marine industry in their area of responsibility. Applications will be accepted from 01 December 2023 to 31 January 2024. Potential applicants should visit:

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<https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/environmental/outreach-programs/awards>

for award guidelines.

4. This announcement will also be disseminated via CG Homeport, email distribution lists and national maritime industry web sites and blogs. Further dissemination at the regional and port level is highly encouraged and will help ensure a robust nomination pool.

5. The Office of Port and Facility Compliance (CG-FAC) point of contact is Kevin McDonald at Kevin.McDonald@uscg.mil.

6. RDML W.R. Arguin Jr., Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), sends.

7. Internet release is authorized.