



## IPWSOA Operator of the Year Award: 2026

May 4, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

The water industry in Illinois has a long standing tradition of acknowledging certified water operators for outstanding efforts in the work place and in their communities through the IPWSOA's *Operator of the Year* program. In continuance of that tradition, it is time to make your 2026 program nominations!

*Do you know a water operator that has provided exceptional service, effort and commitment to the water industry and his or her community?* Many water operators go above and beyond their required job duties and seldom get recognized. This is your chance to recognize them for their efforts.

All nominated operators are sent a congratulatory letter acknowledging their nomination. Most operators consider it a significant career achievement to be nominated for the award. Be assured that your nomination will mean a great deal to a deserving operator.

Recognizing operators for their contributions is easy! **Simply complete the attached one page nomination form (fillable PDF) and email (or mail) it to me at the address provided below by June 30, 2026.** Persons submitting nominations always remain anonymous.

Thank you for your help in making the 2026 *Operator of the Year* program a success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Headen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Headen" clearly legible.

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# OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL NOMINATIONS BEFORE: June 30, 2026 (Please print or type)**

NOMINEE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

HOME PHONE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

WATER SUPPLY: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION — A — B — C — D (Check or Circle One)

Give a brief description of the nominee's duties:

Give a brief supporting statement of nominee:

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(Signature and Printed Name or Fill In Name if Submitting Electronically)

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