

California State Fair Opens Nominations for the  
**2014 Technology Champion**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – the California State Fair has announced a new award – the **Champion of Technology**. This award was created to recognize a superior effort by a technology leader or organization for the benefit of all Californians. Since 1854, the California State Fair has showcased the advancements of the State's leading industries: agriculture, food science, viticulture and ranching, not to mention all those who receive recognition through competition.

Since California is the birthplace of many of the technological achievements the world knows today, it's a natural progression to acknowledge exceptional innovations and technological developments with this inaugural award. In celebration of the technology industry in California, the California State Fair presents the 2014 Technology Champion Award.

**TECHNOLOGY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR**

The Technology Champion of the Year will be awarded to a technology industry leader or organization for remarkable contributions to California's technology industry. The Technology Champion must have demonstrated outstanding leadership and clearly benefited the residents of California through a pursuit of commendable technological achievement.

**ELIGIBILITY:** open to individuals that reside in California or businesses headquartered in California.

**NOMINATIONS:** Forms and information for the 2014 Technology Champion Award must be emailed, postmarked, or hand delivered by Friday, May 2, 2014 to the following point of contact:

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**NOTE:** 2014 Awardee will be honored at the Annual State Fair Gala to be hosted at Cal Expo on Friday, June 27, 2014. For more information, please contact Jake Rowe at:

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# **NOMINATION FORM**

2014 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

## **Champion of Technology Award**

### **I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING FOR 2014 CHAMPION OF TECHNOLOGY:**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Using the space below, please supply background information to justify or support this nomination. If additional information is helpful or needed, please attach.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

- California-based
- The nominee can be from any area of the technology industry (public/private or foundation representative)
- The nominee will be judged on outstanding technology contribution for the State of California and to Californians. The nominee is one who has made a difference in the lives of many that goes above and beyond what normal technology would offer.

### **NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_