



## LowCVP News Release

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### **Call for nominations to 2017 LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards now open!**

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) has opened the [call for nominations](#) to the 2017 Low Carbon Champions Awards. The awards are for organisations that have made a real difference in the area of low carbon road transport and the winners will be recognised at a gala celebration event to be held in the autumn. The deadline for submissions is **Friday 16 June**.

The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards celebrate examples of outstanding and innovative practice in accelerating the shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and reducing road transport emissions.

There are seven award categories – plus two special awards - ranging from cars to innovation, from fuels to publications. The Award categories are:

- Low Carbon Car/Van Manufacturer of the Year
- Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year
- Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year
- Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year
- Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME
- Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year
- Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report

Special Awards include:

- Outstanding Individual in Promoting Lower Carbon Transport
- Grand Prix Award (“winner-of-winners”): Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport 2016–17

This year a new, streamlined nominations process means organisations and individuals will submit a brief ‘expression of interest’ which will be assessed by the LowCVP and then – providing the proposal is deemed suitable – be invited to complete the full nomination form and advised the most suitable entry category.

Any organisation or initiative that has made a contribution to the low carbon vehicle or fuels agenda in road transport is eligible to enter the Champions Awards regardless of whether or not they are a LowCVP member. There is no cost to enter the awards and finalists will receive a complimentary invitation to the celebration event.

LowCVP Awards winners are assessed by a panel of expert judges drawn from the LowCVP's wide range of stakeholder organisations. Awards are for contribution to the low carbon road transport agenda with significant activity taking place from January 2016 to date.

**Andy Eastlake, the LowCVP's Managing Director**, said: "The last year has been an exciting one for 'greener'- and cleaner - road transport with many new product launches, innovations as well as promising developments in automation and connectivity. Our own government – and others around the world – have been making huge commitments to stimulate an industrial future with low carbon vehicles and fuels at its heart.

"This year's LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards will be celebrating organisations that are at the forefront of this revolutionary change."

[Winners](#) of the last (2016) LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards included: Toyota GB; Scania GB; First UK Bus; Argent Energy; Tevva Motors; H2 Aberdeen, Element Energy & Cambridge Econometrics (joint winners). Sir Peter Hendy, formerly Commissioner at Transport for London, was the winner of the Outstanding Individual Award, while H2 Aberdeen & Argent Energy were joint winners of the 'Grand Prix' Award.

The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards are accredited by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), which means the winners are eligible to enter the highly prestigious biannual European Awards for Business and the Environment (EBAE).

The LowCVP is also inviting offers of sponsorship for the 2017 Low Carbon Champions Awards. Sponsorship includes wide-ranging promotion alongside the awards and a great opportunity to network and build business links at the gala celebration dinner. Last year's sponsors included Millbrook ('Grand Prix'); the Advanced Propulsion Centre; Michelin; BAE Systems HybriDrive; Shell; Freight in the City; Route Monkey and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Any organisations interested in being a sponsor of this year's Champions Awards should contact the LowCVP Secretariat.

#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Full details about the LowCVP Awards 2017 and entry process are available at:

<http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/initiatives/lowcarbonchampions>

Images from the 2016 Champions Awards can be found at: <http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/resource-library/images>

The LowCVP ([www.lowcvp.org.uk](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk)), which was established in 2003, is a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Nearly 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds, including automotive and fuel supply chains, government, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and others. Follow the LowCVP on Twitter: @theLowCVP

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