

## **BDA Awards 2025 – Categories and Criteria**

The **BDA Land Drilling Industry Awards** is open to entries of either individuals or land drilling industry contracting businesses whether they are members of the BDA or not.

There are 7No. categories; entrants may submit an entry for as many of the award categories as they wish. Each category must be submitted individually.

### **Categories**

- **Health & Safety**

Candidates for this award shall demonstrate development and implementation of an operational process, behaviours, piece of equipment or safety feature that has clearly contributed to improving health and safety within the land drilling industry sector in the last 12 months. Candidates must demonstrate clear improvements to safety and risk reduction.

- **Best Audited Driller**

The "Best Audited Driller" award is designed to recognise an audited driller, who consistently demonstrates exceptional performance in their day-to-day operations, as well as during the course of their BDA audit site visit. The award criteria are based on a comprehensive assessment of the driller's adherence to operational standards, safety protocols, and efficiency during audits. The winner will be determined by several factors, including: the award nomination write-up; the amount of observations/minor nonconformances logged during their audit (if any); their demonstrated drilling ability and technical knowledge; attention to detail within their daily reports (borehole logs), labelling and sample handling; and their proactive problem-solving abilities within the audit environment.

- **Rising Star**

This category is open to up-and-coming individuals or organisations within the Land Drilling Industry that show exceptional potential having recently entered the land drilling industry via graduation, later life career change or profession move and is open to:

- Drilling Operative (Lead or DSO), Groundworker, laborer, engineer, geologist, apprentice, technician, other
- Newly formed businesses within the land drilling industry

***NB. There is no age limit or minimum turnover for this category.***

Candidates must show all round ability in the field of land drilling, demonstrating outstanding and exemplary behaviours, exceptional potential, and a forward-thinking approach to industry development with unwavering enthusiasm for working in the land drilling sector. Candidates must have only entered the industry in the last 12 months.

- **Land Drilling Industry Contractor of the Year**

This category is open to drilling industry contractors regardless of size, recognising outstanding performance and achievements achieved over the past 12 months; highlighting consistently high standards, commitment to safety and wellbeing, sustainability, quality, and the environment whilst demonstrating excellence in all aspects of their service provision and have shown value, innovation and business excellence.

- **Specialist Support Service Supplier of the Year**

This category is open to businesses or independent individuals that provide support services or supply equipment, goods or materials to the land drilling industry. The award will celebrate land drilling industry suppliers that can demonstrate purposeful contribution to the success of a particular project or the land drilling industry as a whole. Purposeful contribution must have been made in the last 12 months.

- **Equipment Innovation**

We are looking for the most innovative piece of equipment, product or development of any type, to hit the land drilling industry in the last 12 months. Judges will be looking for originality and ingenuity that has solved a problem or addressed a key issue within our industry.

- **Lifetime Contribution to the Industry**

This category is via nomination of a land drilling industry peer, colleague or business that has shown outstanding contribution to the industry over a lifetime of service within the sector.

### **Important Information**

- Award entries MUST be made either via the BDA website or by emailing the completed BDA Awards Template to [awards@britishdrillingassociation.co.uk](mailto:awards@britishdrillingassociation.co.uk). Each category requires a 500-word submission in direct response to the category criteria set out above.
- As part of the award entry criteria, applicants shall be requested to submit a 50-word summary of their entry.
- Each award submission must be accompanied by a relevant jpeg photograph showcasing the award submission. In the case of 'Best Audited Driller'; 'Rising Star' and 'Lifetime Contribution to the Industry' entries, a jpeg of the person(s) being nominated must be submitted.
- For the Best Audited Driller, additional supportive evidence of up to, and no more than, 5 No. A4 Size PDF pages may accompany the submission
- The winning entries will be showcased at the BDA Gala & Awards event, being held in November 2025, included on the BDA website, newsletter and shared across the BDA's social media channels.