

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2025**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO SUBMIT

- Summary for judges
- Supporting information and explanation for judges (maximum 1,200 words)
- Supporting material (photos, brochures, links to videos, etc.)
- Company logo

## AWARD ENTRY SUBMISSION

1) Please provide below a 150-word summary statement explaining why your company or product should win this award. This should state clearly to the judges what you consider to be the key points in your submission.

2) Please provide supporting information below (up to a maximum of 1,200 words) explaining in more detail why you should be considered for the award. Important note: the awards are for activities predominantly undertaken during 2024 and early 2025. Please be as comprehensive as possible in explaining the merits of the nominated company or technology.

In addition to the above information, you can provide supporting material (photos, brochures, links to video etc.) up to 10 MB in size.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES:

If submitting an entry for a product award, please note the product's name and specifications. Make sure to concentrate on WHY the product, person or company deserves to win. Fully explain what makes the entry unique and innovative.

## GUIDANCE NOTES

Please submit a separate entry form for each category you are entering. All entries must be on an official entry form (Word or PDF).

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You can also submit an entry on behalf of another company.

Suppliers are encouraged to nominate OEMs and OEMs can nominate suppliers.

When you submit your award entries, please supply two relevant digital photos for possible use in Access, Lift & Handlers.

**Please also include a company logo, JPEG, PNG or EPS format.**

The awards are judged on activities predominantly undertaken from June 2024 to present.

Entries and supporting materials can be submitted by e-mail, maximum size of 10 MB or via WeTransfer. Email to [ana.solano@ipaf.org](mailto:ana.solano@ipaf.org)

Judges will meet in August, after which the shortlist of companies will be made public via [www.accessbriefing.com](http://www.accessbriefing.com). Winners will be announced at the Working at Height Conference & Awards on October 16, 2025 in Nashville.

**For judging criteria please see last page of this PDF**

## YOUR DETAILS

Company Name:

Address:

Contact Name:

Job Title:

Tel:

E-mail:

## CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER

Working at Height Safety Innovation – OEM/Supplier

Safety Culture and Leadership Excellence – Rental

Technology Innovation Award

New Product Award – Scissor Lifts

New Product Award – Boom Lifts

New Product Award – Atrium Lifts/Compact Crawlers

## SEND AWARD SUBMISSIONS TO

**Anna Solano**

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**July 1** – Company commitment deadline

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# JUDGING CRITERIA

## **Working at Height Safety Innovation – OEM/Supplier**

This award recognizes an access equipment OEM or supplier that has made a significant contribution to improving safety in the working at height sector.

The winner will have demonstrated impactful innovation or sustained commitment to promoting safe practices either within their organization or across the wider industry over the past 12-18 months.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Introduction of new features, products or systems that enhance user safety when using access equipment.
- Internal initiatives that embed a strong safety culture across the organization, which could include design philosophy, training programs or R&D activity.
- Industry engagement: demonstrate an active role in promoting industry-wide safe working at height practices through campaigns, partnerships, education or support of safety standards.
- Where possible, highlight actual results of safety-related innovations or initiatives.

## **Safety Culture and Leadership Excellence – Rental Industry**

This award honors a rental company or individual within a rental company that has provided leadership in creating a strong safety culture throughout its organization and the wider industry.

Among the key judging criteria will be:

- Leadership Commitment: Active leadership, both internally and industry-wide, in driving safety initiatives, setting clear expectations, and leading by example to create a positive, safety-first environment.
- Safety Culture Integration: Demonstrated commitment to safety at every level of the organization, with safety embedded in daily operations, decision-making and company values.
- For an individual, a demonstrated impact on changing or improving the safety culture of a company and/or the wider industry.
- Employee Engagement: evidence of meaningful employee involvement in safety programs, including training, reporting and continuous improvement efforts.

## **Technology Innovation Award**

This award recognizes a significant new technology that advances the working at height and rental industries. The innovation could relate to technical/engineering innovations in MEWPs or telehandlers, or developments in software, IoT/telematics and artificial intelligence systems used by the industry.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- The innovation should represent a clear advance over existing solutions or add something new, demonstrating originality and producing real benefits for rental companies and users/buyers of MEWPs and telehandlers. These benefits might be in operational efficiency, total cost of ownership, ease of ownership, improved reliability or business intelligence tools.
- Practicality and ease of implementation, with a focus on scalability and real-world application.
- The potential for the innovation to shape future industry practices or set new standards in the working at height and access equipment industry.

## **New Product Award – Scissor Lifts**

For manufacturers that have launched new scissor lifts. Judges will consider equipment launched from early 2024 and on.

## **New Product Award – Boom Lifts**

For manufacturers that have launched new boom lifts. Judges will consider equipment launched from early 2024 and on.

## **New Product Award – Atrium Lifts/Compact Crawlers**

For manufacturers that have launched new Atrium Lift/Compact Crawlers. Judges will consider equipment launched from early 2024 and on.

## **IPAF North America Member Company of the Year**

To be chosen by IPAF and announced at awards dinner.

## **IPAF/ALH Person of the Year**

To be chosen by IPAF & ALH magazine and announced at awards dinner.

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