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# CALL FOR AWARDS

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# 01. FACTORIES OF THE FUTURE AWARDS

The Factories of the Future Awards are designed to recognize the work, leadership and transformation of those companies that invest in innovation in the industry automation and digitalization, focusing on the areas of business model, new products, equipment, communication management, operational processes, marketing or customer experience.



# 02. CATEGORIES TO AWARD

The proposals that will be considered and accepted to participate in these awards must respond to the following categories:

- A. Industrial leadership in the use of digital production technologies**
- B. Best business initiative for talent development and retention in the industry 4.0**
- C. Best technological innovation for the factory of the future**
- D. Best investigation project for industry 4.0**

## TERMS:

*\* For categories A and B, it will be necessary to prove that the technologies or initiatives proposed for the prize have been implemented.*

*\* To have the chance to win the category D, projects must have been finished during 2017 or the first semester of 2018.*

*\* The jury reserves the right to redirect a candidacy to another category if it is considered appropriate.*

## 03. ORGANIZER OF THE AWARD

The Factories of the Future Awards are organized by Advanced Factories (Next Business Exhibitions SL).

## 04. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The Factories of the Future Awards are aimed at experts, researchers, professionals, entrepreneurs, universities, associations and organizations from all over the world who want to present and discuss the latest solutions and technologies that are emerging in the new era of Industry 4.0, as well as to spread ideas and experiences that are being increasingly consolidated in the industrial sector.

## 05. RESTRICTIONS

There is no restriction on Factories of the Future Awards. The mission of these awards is to foment and promote innovation in the industry automation. Any organization can qualify for these awards, as long as it can attest to its candidacy.

## 06. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

To enter in the running Factories of the Future Awards, please fill in the form available online.

Proposals must be submitted electronically via this website and have to accept to the terms and conditions included in the online form.

The form and all complementary information will have to be filled out entirely in English, Spanish or Catalan. (No proposals in any other languages will be accepted).

No additional documents to the web form will be accepted, unless required by the organization.

The organization reserves the right to ask for any clarification or additional information about the submitted entries.

## 07. ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries should be submitted before ~~January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018~~ *New Deadline: 14th February 2018*

## 08. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Competing proposals will be evaluated by our Steering Committee in terms of:

- Innovation
- Leadership
- Disruption
- Strategy

## 09. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process is divided in two phases:

### **PHASE 1:**

Regulation compliance and pre-selection: the organization and a Technical Committee of experts will conduct the first evaluation to check whether the proposal complies with the requirements and selection criteria defined.

The evaluation process will be held by the members of the Steering International Committee individually, with the aim of selecting the finalists of each category.

Pre-selected candidates will be informed as of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

If needed and exceptionally, the organization will ask for complementary information to the candidate's proposal.

### **FASE 2:**

Winners' selection: the International Committee of experts will evaluate the projects selecting the winner by prize category. The composition of the panel and the prizes winners will be communicated during the Factories of the Future Awards Gala Dinner Ceremony.

Any prize award category could be declared void by the International Committee.

## 10. PRE-SELECTION COMMUNICATION

Pre-selected candidates will be informed from **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

## 11. PRIZES

The Factories of the Future Awards will award the winners with the following prizes:

- A single invitation to attend to the Awards Gala Dinner for all the finalists of each category.
- Award of the prize won and the corresponding category, for the winner of each category.
- Dissemination of each of the awards to all general and specialized media accredited in advanced factories.

## 12. INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The participant is responsible for the authorship of the submitted proposal; he/she is the owner of the intellectual and, where applicable, industrial property rights thereof.

The participant is accountable for the proposal submitted not violating intellectual property rights, industrial property rights, copyright and/or image rights and assumes complete responsibility with regard to third parties: the Organization is free of all liability.

Should the proposal be short-listed, the participant authorizes the Organization to disseminate, reproduce and publish the proposal in any format and using any medium to publicize the Factories of the Future Awards.

## 13. DATA PROTECTION

Due to the sensitive nature of the information supplied, the award organizers, the coordinator, and the members of the International Committee and Technical Committee guarantee to keep the identity of participants and the content of their project confidential outside the sphere of the Factories of the Future Awards. This also includes any information about its current state of use or development.

Once the project has been selected as a finalist, the organizers of this award may make public any details considered as public (project name, organization responsible, person in charge, websites, description, purpose and category).

## 14. CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions, doubts or suggestions regarding this Call for Awards or the event, please contact us at :

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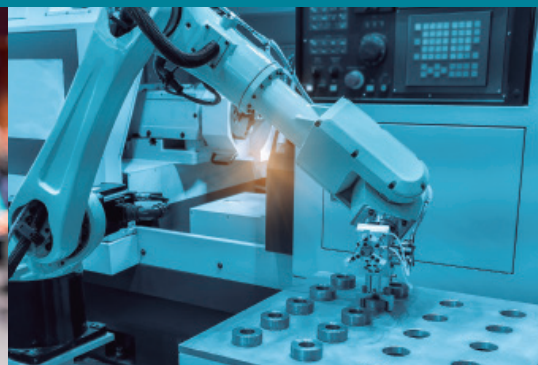
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