



December 19, 2014

Dear NOIA Member:

Since 1978, the National Ocean Industries Association has held the **Safety in Seas (SIS) Awards** competition to recognize excellence among those who, by their actions, design or influence, have contributed to improving the safety of life in the offshore energy industry. NOIA confers two distinct safety awards:

The **Culture of Safety Award** honors a company (or companies) for overall organizational immersion in and commitment to safety, which has resulted in remarkable, measurable, and sustained safety performance over a prolonged period of time.

The **Safety Practice Award** recognizes specific technologies, approaches, methods or projects with direct and demonstrable impacts on improving safety.

An independent selection committee, including representatives from the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and an independent Industry consultant will select the nominee from each award category that has made the most important contribution to safety of life offshore.

I encourage all NOIA members to submit nominations and participate in honoring our industry's commitment to offshore safety. For consideration in the selection process, the enclosed award **nomination forms must be submitted to NOIA by Friday, February 27, 2015.**

The **2015 NOIA Safety in Seas Awards** will be presented during the Association's annual meeting to be held April 15-17, 2015 in Washington, DC. Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Nicolette Nye at (202) 465-8463 or at nnye@noia.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Rynd", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Rynd
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Chairman, NOIA

Enclosures:

2015 NOIA Safety in Seas **Safety Practice Award** nomination form
2015 NOIA Safety in Seas **Culture of Safety Award** nomination form