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Best in AI-Ready Digital Infrastructure

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Nominee/Project Name

This award recognizes that digital infrastructure provides the platform for agile business using dedicated and public cloud compute, storage, network, edge, management, automation, and lifecycle services to help the business scale, adapt, and compete in a software and data intensive world. This award recognizes the organization that is leading the use of digital infrastructure to transform their business, engage customers and employees, and accelerate business innovation.

The winner of this category must demonstrate that their organization has any one or more of the following attributes apart from cloud-centric computing which is a MUST HAVE requirement:

- **AI Ready Infrastructure** – best in class investments in designing and implementing digital infrastructure strategies to accommodate emerging business priorities enabled by data intensive workloads, particularly for AI use cases.
- **Autonomous Operations** – best in class use of infrastructure automation, observability and analytics, including AIOps to transformation operations, improve security and modernize the IT Ops workforce.
- **Hybrid & Multicloud Interoperability** - Best in class use of interoperable public cloud services and/or dedicated cloud infrastructure platforms and unified management approaches to transform business capabilities and deliver on top priority business outcomes.
- **Edge Optimized** – best in class infrastructure deployments that extend digital enterprise business capabilities, remote infrastructure support and automated data management across edge locations including work from home and mobile devices as well as factory, lab and retail locations.
- **Center of Excellence Governance** – best in class use of collaborative policy-led decision making approaches to align digital infrastructure investments, FinOps, sustainability strategies, and operating models that reflect the shared views of IT, Cloud, Data, DevOps and LOB stakeholders.

Country of Nomination

You should have authority to apply as the CIO/CTO/CDO or on behalf of the CIO/CTO/CDO's office of the said organization.

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Company

(Name of your organization to be used in official communications)

Company Profile   200 words

(Organization Profile 200 words max)

Company Website

Industry

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Banking
Insurance
Financial Services
Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries
Mining/Oil/Gas
Aerospace/Defense
Automotive
Electrical and Electronic manufacturing
Food, Beverage & Consumer Goods
Industrial and other manufacturing
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Point of Contact
(Name and contact information of person submitting nomination)

First Name

Last Name

Department

Job Title

Email Address

Contact Number (Mobile Only)

Contact at Nominated Organization

(Fill out if different from above. Leave blank if not applicable.)

First Name (optional)

Last Name (optional)

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Contact Number (Mobile Only) (optional)

Project roll-out date (Must be between January 2023 to December 2024)

All nominated projects/programs must have gone live no later than January 2025. Use the earliest date at which the project/program was rolled out in the country of nomination. If the project/program is part of a larger initiative, use the date specific to the project/program nominated.

Please ensure that the initiative or program that you are nominating has been rolled out for at least six months. Ultimately, IDC believes that a minimum of six months of live production use is an appropriate time to evaluate the outcomes of initiatives. However, if you can demonstrate that the initiative or project provided quantifiable benefits in less than 6 months, then please feel free to include such initiatives, but specify the reason why this was so impactful.)

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Project Lead

Please provide the name, designation, and email address of the project lead, should there be further clarifications on the nomination.

Executive Sponsor

Please provide the name and designation of the executive sponsor of this project, who will receive the award, should your organization win.

Nomination Summary   200 words

This may be used in IDC Future Enterprise Awards press release should your initiative be awarded. Please include the overview, why it is innovative, and one major measurable business outcome as a result of the initiative.

Note: By submitting this nomination you are giving permission for IDC to publish a summary to support press releases and other documents related to the Awards and IDC research process, and to use the submitted project information as part of case studies and IDC research. Should any information be strictly confidential, please indicate in the corresponding field of the nomination form and/or the attachment.

Nomination Information

1. AI-Ready Digital Infrastructure Initiative/Strategy   500 words

Provide details of your AI-ready digital infrastructure initiative/strategy that answers the following.

· What business problem your initiative/strategy addressed.

· Why this problem was important to resolve.

· What are the desired outcomes of the initiative/strategy prior to implementation.

· How has your organization been able to differentiate yourself from the rest with this initiative/strategy.

· Describe your overarching approach/model to implementing your initiative/strategy.

2. Key Challenges   500 words

Elaborate the key technological and infrastructure challenges that either necessitated the commissioning of the AI-ready infrastructure project or were overcome during the implementation of the project. Provide qualitative and quantitative data on the challenges.

3. AI-Ready Digital Infrastructure Solution Details   500 words

Provide details on the solution(s) deployed, specific technologies utilized, vendors partnered with and achieved technology outcomes.

4. Transformation Benefits

For the top benefits noted above, please provide quantitative measures you have observed or measured for those areas positively impacted by this project (e.g., US$ 300,000 in savings, 20% revenue growth, all employees (remote or onsite) are given full access to data/information through leveraging cloud/security leading to faster decision/work process by 50%, health and safety metrics, sustainability (environmental) metrics, energy efficiency metrics, etc.). Responses are only required for those areas you believe were addressed by the initiative.

Please include a brief explanation for each area you select up to **100 words <u>max</u>**. Enter N/A if not applicable or relevant to your effort.

a. IT Infrastructure Cost Reduction   100 words

b. Revenue Generated / Incremental Growth   100 words

c. Organizational Productivity Improvement   100 words
 (e.g., From faster provisioning of services, reduced staff costs, increased availability)

d. Customer Satisfaction and Retention   100 words
(e.g., Significantly reduced cost of supporting customers, higher Net Promoter Score, repeat purchases, increased revenue per customer, fewer customer complaints

e. Business Resiliency Improvement   100 words

(Enabled the business to better respond to risk, crisis, or expected challenges quickly and consistently)

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f. Risk Reduction   100 words

(Enabled the organization to improve compliance and security risks while improving the ability to detect and remediate potential threats proactively)

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g. Others, please specify (optional)   100 words

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5. Lessons Learned   200 words

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What important lessons have you learned from your initiative that you would share with business and technology leaders who are about to undertake a similar journey? How will you replicate the success of your initiative or are there plans to expand your initiatives in the future?

6. Additional Information   300 words

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- Why was this project transformative and why does it deserve a nomination in this category?
- Please include recognition/awards from external organizations and relevant press releases/media coverage.

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Upload JPEG or PDF files. A maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of ten pieces can be uploaded with your entry.
2. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
3. Provide website URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or active URL of a landing page. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided and active.
4. Please do not upload any further written material as the judges will not consider these. The written component of your entry should be fully explained within the provided form fields.

To nominate yourself for the IDC CIO Awards 2025, please use this form to send in your project details.

1. Please provide the necessary details through your official email ID only. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
2. The project should have gone live during 2023 to December2024. Projects that are yet to go live will not be considered.
3. Based on the submitted information, the IDC CIO Awards 2025 honourees will be chosen by the judging panel of IDC's Analyst and CIO Advisory board.
4. Applicants are encouraged to include any information about their project or initiative that they would like the jury to consider.
5. Each entry will be judged based on how it compares to all other entries submitted. Honourees will not be ranked. Except for the Top 3 Winners.
6. IT Vendors and Technology Consultants do not qualify for the IDC CIO Awards. Vendors and consultants may instead nominate completed projects on behalf of end user* organizations utilizing their technology products or services. Please provide confirmation from the client that they wish to participate in the awards program.
7. Discovery of falsification of data or fraudulent claims will constitute grounds for disqualification.

8. Nominations must be by, or on behalf of, the senior most Information Technology executive in the organization who is authorized to apply on behalf of the organization.
9. Rest assured that nothing filed in the nomination form will be published on any website/social media of Foundry/IDC or talked/discussed during the event or otherwise.

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2025