**Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Excellence in Preparedness Award**

**2023-2024 Partnering Organization Application Guide**



## Award Overview

The Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (RHPC) Excellence in Preparedness Award recognizes excellence and commitment to comprehensive emergency management in the regional healthcare community. This document will provide detailed information and identify documents necessary to successfully complete the RHPC Excellence in Preparedness Award application.

##### Award Timeline

The scoring period will run from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Applications will be due August 31, 2024 and the selection committee will convene in September.

##### Award Scoring

Scoring will be comprised of two tiers:

* Tier 1 – Will be scored based upon reports and training requirements determined by Regional Preparedness Participation and Collaboration
* Tier 2 – Will allow the agency to show how they have embraced comprehensive emergency management through innovation, leadership, and community involvement.
* Bonus Points – Available in Tier 1 and Tier 2

##### Submission Instructions

Applications should be submitted in a 3-ring binder not to exceed 1.5” in depth. Binders should be mailed or delivered to the address listed below. Electronic submission will not be accepted. Tabs should be used to separate the different sections of the application packet. Attached documents should be included as appendixes to their respective section of the application packet. Only one (1) submission per organization will be accepted.

##### Mailing Address

South East Texas Regional Advisory Council

Attn: RHPC Excellence in Preparedness Committee

1111 North Loop West, Ste 160

Houston, TX 77008



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# Award Packet Cover Page

## RHPC Excellence in Preparedness Award – Partnering Organization

Name: Job Title: Facility: Address:

Phone Number: Email Address:

Agency Category (Select One):

* + Fire
  + EMS
  + Office of Emergency Management
  + Public Health
  + Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Award Submission Checklist**

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Please use the below checklist to ensure all documentation and information is included for submission.

1. Applicant Information Completed
2. TIER 1 Cover Sheets
3. TIER 1 Documentation
4. TIER 2 Cover Sheets
5. TIER 2 – Three (3) Essays (limit 1,200 words each | support documentation encouraged)
6. Three Ring Binder (1.5” depth maximum) with Binder Cover Sheet

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#### TIER ONE SCORING – MAXIMUM 20 POINTS PER ORGANIZATION

**EMS/RHPC Corridor/RHPC Board Meeting Attendance** – A facility representative must complete the sign-in sheet at scheduled EMS and/or RHPC Meeting(s). Multiple representatives will only be counted as one for your facility.

* 6 Meetings – 1 point for each meeting attended (or canceled)

*SETRAC will provide Meeting attendance data upon receipt of documentation request form.*

**Symposium Attendance** – A facility representative must register and attend the RHPC Symposium. Multiple representatives will only be counted as one for your organization.

* 5 points

*Attendance will be verified by submitting a certificate of attendance for the RHPC Symposium with your application.*

**Participation in the Regional Exercise** – Must satisfy "Conditions for Participation" set by the Exercise Director.

* 5 points

*SETRAC will verify participation upon receipt of documentation request form.*

**Designated Emergency Management Representative/Planner** – The facility has a designated individual who is responsible for the development and implementation of the emergency management program. You must show documentation by submitting your appointment letter as Emergency Management Representative/Planner signed by leadership.

* 5 points

**Bonus Points:**

**RHPC Oversight Committee/Corridor Chair or Vice-Chair or RHPC Subcommittee Member –** Describe names and number of facility staff serving in these roles and contributions made to the committees/subcommittees. Entries will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5 by the selection committee.

* 0-5 points

#### TIER TWO SCORING – MAXIMUM 20 POINTS PER AGENCY

Applicants must demonstrate commitment to enhancing emergency preparedness within our region. Please select **only 3 fields** from the choices (A-F) below. Each selected field will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5 by the award selection committee. Contributions must reflect how the organization and not just the Emergency Manager are exemplifying best practices and a commitment to emergency management.

1. **Leadership Support** – How has your executive leadership team demonstrated commitment to emergency management at your organization beyond executive attendance or membership on your organization preparedness committee?

*Examples may include: An Emergency Management Department with an individual budget, facility participation with emergency management educational opportunities, and attendance in national training centers such as the Center for Domestic Preparedness.*

1. **Contribution to Emergency Management** –How has your organization contributed beyond regulatory, accreditation, or grant requirements?

*Examples may include: A published article or speaking engagements on emergency management regarding your facility/agency.*

1. **Community Involvemen**t – How has your organization demonstrated involvement with regional emergency management efforts?

*Examples may include: Participation in regionally significant events such as staffing CMOC, active planning and participation in your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) or Council of Government (COGs), community emergency preparedness education events, or supporting your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.*

1. **Innovation** – What have you done to improve the emergency management process or enhance preparedness within your organization?

*Examples may include: Using facility mass notification system to poll for staffing availability or adopting “plain language” for notifications instead of vague codes.*

1. **Planning** – How has your organization demonstrated mitigation, identification, assessment and planning of the top 3 hazards facing regional hazards?

*Examples may include: Implementing “Run, Hide, Fight” training or engaging “building champions” to verify available ride-out staffing accommodations.*

1. **Other** – Has your organization participated in or hosted training or educational opportunities above the NIMS and ASPR grant requirements?

*Examples may include: ICS 300/400 courses or Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) course. Has your facility received special recognition for emergency management or other preparedness activities (excluding the RHPC Excellence in Preparedness Award)?*

**Bonus (0-5 Points): Application Binder Presentation** – What extra steps have you taken to prepare your binder to highlight your organization’s preparedness for the selection committee?

*Examples may include: Entire binder was attractive, creative and assembled as requested. Essays were very descriptive with meaningful support documentation such as event photos, community articles, thank you letters, leadership support, etc.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL:**  [rhpcaward@setrac.org](mailto:rhpcaward@setrac.org)