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# What is a “Blue Star”

- The Blue Star process was introduced as a means of recognising where a member of the National Highways supply chain had implemented a process, procedure, working method, piece of kit or equipment that was new, innovative and was beneficial in the area of health, safety or wellbeing.
- In summary, a Blue Star is awarded for :

***“Exceptional Performance or New Initiative not widely used on other sites”***

# How is a potential Blue Star identified?

- Blue Star Awards are a National Highways opportunity to recognise a company, team or individual who has delivered benefits for Health, Safety or Wellbeing through innovation and shared that knowledge, methodology or product with our sector to improve Health, Safety and Wellbeing for all.
- Potential Blue Star Awards are put forward by the Contractor themselves and submitted by completing a case study and submitting through the Blue Star email inbox (see the next slide).
- **Please Note:** Blue Star Awards are **no longer** acknowledged through assurance activity by the NH H&S Team or awarded through issue of HART assurance forms.

# Submit a Blue Star nomination & Assessment

- The relevant Contractor must complete the nomination form on the Case Study and send this and any supplementary information to the National Highways Blue Star email inbox. (BlueStarAwards@nationalhighways.co.uk)
- The submission is discussed at the monthly Safety Hub Award Panel (a mix of National Highways colleagues and representatives from the supply chain) who will consider your submission against six criteria.
  - ❖ Context
  - ❖ Innovation
  - ❖ Raising the Bar
  - ❖ What you did
  - ❖ Benefits
  - ❖ Scalability
- The contractor may be asked to provide additional information and/or attend the next National Highways Safety Panel meeting.

# Once approved – The Engagement Council

- Once agreed and awarded, the case study will be loaded onto the Highways Safety HUB website where it is categorised into the relevant subject matter and free to be seen by other contractors.
- If the initiative / innovation is related to an existing Raising the Bar, the RtB document may be amended by the RtB author.
- A Blue Star Award Certificate will be presented to the relevant supply chain and/or project by either the NH Regional Delivery Director or the NH HSW Director. The Award will be acknowledged at the Engagement Council.



