

2023 National Work Zone Awareness Week

Host Site Application Form



About National Work Zone Awareness Week

NWZAW is a national event held each spring to recognize and focus on roadway work zone safety. The kick-off event is hosted by the selected state department of transportation (DOT) and focuses on the roadway workers and work zone safety. There may be speakers including the top leaders of the host-state DOT, elected officials, and roadway workers and their families. For more information on NWZAW, please visit NWZAW.org.

Eligibility and Criteria

- All states are eligible and encouraged to submit an application by Jan. 31, 2022 (except states who have hosted a NWZAW within the last three years).
- The application must come from the Public Affairs office of a state DOT.
- The proposed location for your state's kick-off/media event must be near or in an active roadway work zone. Note: FHWA financially supports the event logistics.
- The chosen host state will be selected based on these criteria:
 - Accomplishments in work zone safety practices
 - Public awareness campaigns
 - The proposed event site/logistics

The committee will judge the applications and select a state finalist to host the 2023 national kick-off event. A runner-up will also be selected in the event the winner cannot host the event. Both states will be announced at the April 2022 kick-off event in Virginia.

Selection Process and Benefits

The NWZAW Executive Committee – made up of the FHWA, ATSSA, AASHTO, FMCSA, NHTSA, OSHA, AGC, ARTBA, Maryland-SHA, VDOT and D-DOT – will select the 2023 NWZAW host site through a competitive selection process.

The state selected by the Executive Committee will receive the following benefits:

- A trophy for display in their state DOT headquarters for the entire year.
- Coverage of the kick-off event by AASHTO television.
- Recognition in national press releases by the Federal Highway Administration.
- The National Work Zone Memorial will be shipped to the state for inclusion as a centerpiece of the national kick-off event.

Selection as the “National Host” will highlight your efforts in work zone safety in a lasting way, on a national level. Please send in your application form (page 2) today!

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Return the completed application form to Mitzi Osterhout at communications@atssa.com with “2023 NWZAW” in the subject line no later than Jan. 31, 2022. The NWZAW Executive Committee will meet to select the winning state and a runner-up before the Apr. 2022 NWZAW event. Those states will be notified after that meeting. Please do not apply to host the event if your state has won the honor within the last three years.

State DOT submitting this application: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What program does your state currently have in place that is helping reduce work zone fatalities?

Proposed national theme for NWZAW 2023:

Proposed venue for media/national kick-off event:

Why would this be a good event location?

What would you include in the media event to make it unique? (Attach additional documents if necessary)

Additional information for the selection committee to consider (Attach additional documents if necessary):