Watts S. Humphrey Software Process Achievement Award

Nomination Deadline: October 15, 2016
Do you know a person or team that deserves recognition for their process-improvement activities?

The IEEE Computer Society/Software Engineering Institute Watts S. Humphrey Software Process Achievement Award is presented to recognize outstanding achievements in improving the ability of an organization to create and evolve software.

The award may be presented to an individual or a group, and the achievements can be the result of any type of process improvement activity.

To nominate an individual or group for a Humphrey SPA Award, please visit computer.org/portal/web/awards/spa
The SPA award is named for Watts S. Humphrey, known as the “Father of Software Quality.” Humphrey, following a long career with IBM, served at the SEI from 1986 until his death in 2010. He dedicated the majority of his career to addressing problems in software development including software quality, programmer motivation and commitment, team process discipline, and how organizations can best support these. During Humphrey’s tenure at the SEI, characteristics of best practices at the individual, team, and organizational levels were identified that laid the groundwork for the Personal Software Process, the Team Software Process, the Capability Maturity Model (CMM) for Software and, eventually, CMM Integration (CMMI). In 2005, Humphrey received the National Medal of Technology for his work in software engineering.

“We have found by applying to software the principles that made the industrial revolution possible, software engineering teams can achieve improvements in quality, predictability, and productivity that exceed our wildest dreams.”

—Watts S. Humphrey