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IoT Connectivity & Networking Award

Building the Bridges of a Connected World

ENTRY GUIDE

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About the award

The IoT Connectivity & Networking Award recognizes the technologies, platforms, and infrastructure that enable reliable communication across connected systems. From edge devices and gateways to cloud platforms and enterprise integrations, connectivity forms the backbone of modern IoT deployments.

This award honors the organizations building the networking solutions that make large-scale IoT possible. Whether through messaging platforms, network infrastructure, connectivity protocols, or data transport architectures, the winning solutions demonstrate reliability, scalability, security, and real-world impact.

Why IoT matters in connectivity and networking

Every IoT deployment depends on the ability to move data quickly, securely, and reliably between devices, systems, and applications. Connectivity platforms transform raw device data into actionable intelligence by ensuring that information flows seamlessly across distributed environments.

Advancements in networking technologies, messaging protocols, and data streaming architectures allow organizations to scale deployments across thousands or millions of devices. These innovations power industries ranging from smart cities and manufacturing to healthcare, transportation, energy, and critical infrastructure.

The IoT Connectivity & Networking Award highlights the solutions that make these systems possible by providing the infrastructure that keeps the connected world running.

Who should enter

- IoT connectivity platforms
- Edge-to-cloud networking platforms
- Secure device communication technologies
- Telecommunications providers supporting IoT
- MQTT and messaging infrastructure providers
- Industrial IoT networking solutions
- Network orchestration and management platforms
- Connectivity solutions enabling large-scale deployments

Entries are welcome from organizations building or deploying connectivity and networking solutions that enable reliable IoT operations, including platforms, protocols, infrastructure, data streaming systems, messaging architectures, and proven deployment models.

What to include

Describe the connectivity challenge, network architecture, device environment, coverage and scale, provisioning, management, security, interoperability, and measured performance. Explain the solution's technical approach, implementation maturity, integrations, scale, security, reliability, and practical value.

- Quantified improvements in coverage, reliability, connection success, latency, power use, deployment speed, device scale, resilience, security, or total cost
- Deployment details, including locations, devices, users, systems, operating conditions, and implementation timeline
- Customer, client, or end-user identification when the entry relies on a real-world deployment
- Supporting evidence, including case studies, performance data, dashboards, customer validation, images, videos, technical documents, or information URLs
- Any confidentiality, regulatory, embargo, or publicity restrictions

Supporting collateral should make the entry easier to verify and evaluate. Include the strongest evidence available, and clearly distinguish measured results from estimates, projections, or planned outcomes.

Eligibility

The award is open to organizations and individuals developing or deploying connected technologies in industrial, utility, transportation, agricultural, commercial, public-sector, remote, mobile, and cross-border IoT deployments. Commercial products, platforms, public-sector programs, research-led deployments, pilots, and customer implementations are eligible when the entry includes enough evidence for meaningful evaluation.

Submitted work should be active, deployed, launched, or meaningfully advanced during the current awards cycle. Entrants may submit their own solution or a customer deployment with appropriate authorization.

Each product, platform, deployment, or project requires a separate submission and entry fee.

How it's judged

Every entry is scored out of 100 on five criteria. This award uses the Product & Technology weighting, so evidence of real-world results counts most.

Innovation & Differentiation	25
Evidence & Measurable Impact	35
Execution & Scalability	25
Category Fit	10
Leadership & Industry Contribution	5

For this award, judges look for

- Innovation in IoT connectivity, networking, messaging, or data transport technologies
- Scalability and reliability of the platform, protocol, network, or infrastructure
- Security and data integrity across connected environments
- Interoperability with devices, gateways, platforms, cloud systems, and enterprise applications
- Real-world impact through deployments, customer outcomes, operational results, or adoption proof
- Contribution to IoT adoption by enabling large-scale, resilient, and trusted connected systems

Tips for a strong entry

Lead with the problem and the result.
Open with what wasn't working and what changed because of your solution. Judges should know why it matters by the end of your first paragraph.

Put numbers on it.
Evidence carries the most weight in scoring. Give before-and-after figures, and say which results are measured and which are estimates.

Name the customer.
A real deployment with a named customer is the strongest proof you can offer. If the name can't be published, tell us in writing when you submit.

Show it working.
Case studies, dashboards, screenshots, short videos, and technical documents help judges verify what you describe.

Write for this award.
Explain why your work fits this category specifically. A strong entry for one award can score poorly in another if the fit isn't clear.

Keep it tight.
Clear, specific answers beat long ones. Cut anything that doesn't help a judge understand the solution or its results.

How to enter

1. **Prepare your entry.** Gather the required organization, contact, product, deployment, and supporting information before beginning the application.
2. **Complete the application.** Describe the solution, connected technology, deployment environment, integrations, measurable outcomes, and supporting evidence.
3. **Submit payment.** The entry fee is charged when the application is submitted. Entries are not complete until payment is received.

You can save a draft and finish it anytime before the deadline. Deadlines close at 11:59 pm Pacific.

Current dates and fees

Entry dates and fees change each cycle. Find them, and get an email when entries open, on the award page.

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Past winners

2026 WINNER

Onomondo

Onomondo won the 2026 IoT Connectivity & Networking Award for its global connectivity infrastructure, which combines its own purpose-built core network, direct integrations with over 680 networks, real-time diagnostic visibility, programmable controls, and customer-controlled SIM ownership.

2025 WINNER

HiveMQ

HiveMQ was selected as the winner of the 2025 IoT Connectivity & Networking Award for its HiveMQ Platform, a trusted edge-to-cloud data streaming solution that enables reliable, real-time connectivity for mission-critical IoT systems worldwide.

What winners get

- ✓ Recognition across IoThinkTank digital channels
- ✓ Official winner badge
- ✓ Dedicated winners page and newsroom coverage
- ✓ Visibility within the broader IoT community

Entry fees are charged at submission and are non-refundable. Customer or client identity should be included in your submission. If you need names excluded from public materials, notify us in writing at the time of submission. By submitting, you agree to the **Submission Guidelines**, **Privacy Policy**, and **Terms and Conditions**. IoThinkTank Awards are independent and unaffiliated with other award programs. Questions? Contact **awards@iothinktank.com**.