



2021 Plex Impact Awards

When the world was at its most unpredictable, you were UNSTOPPABLE. Plex customers met the challenges of the last year with determination ... grit ... passion ... and purpose. You dug in and continued to push the boundaries of what's possible, and you showed us how smart manufacturing is helping you get there.

Plex customers made an IMPACT. You lived it – now we want to hear about it.

Did Plex help your business adapt to market shifts? Did Plex DemandCaster Supply Chain Planning help you adapt to demand changes? Did Mach2 help you automate and better connect your plant machines?

Tell us how you **TRANSFORMED** your company. Describe the ways you've **INNOVATED**. Share what makes you a **LEADER**.

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Plex Impact Awards, our annual program to recognize the best in smart manufacturing. The three categories are:

1. Business Operations **Transformer**: A company that uses Plex to dramatically change how it does business. If your company improved its plant floor production process, reduced manufacturing costs, expanded to support a global market, improved communication with suppliers and/or customers, or achieved excellence in another area of your business, your company is a TRANSFORMER.
2. Product or Technology **Innovator**: A company that uses Plex to drive innovation within or beyond its specific industry. If your company is delivering new products, using new devices/technology to reimagine your approach to manufacturing, or finding new ways to manage your business with Plex, your company is an INNOVATOR.
3. Industry **Leader**: A company that has used Plex to emerge as a leader in its industry or among its peers. If your company is setting the bar for local or global industry best practices, redefining the way companies succeed and grow in your space, uniquely addressing STEM education efforts and the skills gap or continuing to drive the industry toward change, your company is an INDUSTRY LEADER.

All nominations are due by Friday, March 19 at 11:59 p.m. PT. Submit yours [here](#).

Winners will be announced during PowerPlex 2021.



Plex Impact Awards Nomination Guide

NOMINATOR DETAILS

1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Email Address:
4. Company Name:
5. Are you filling out this form on behalf of your own company?
 - a. Yes, I'm nominating my company for a Plex Impact Award.
 - b. No, I'd like to nominate another company for a Plex Impact Award.*

**All customers must approve of being nominated for a Plex Impact Award. If submitting on behalf of a Plex customer, please obtain approval before proceeding with the nomination.*

BACKGROUND

6. Please provide a brief overview of your company's history.
7. Tell us what your company makes.
8. What year did you first implement Plex?
9. Who initially implemented Plex at your company? Indicate whether you worked with Plex Professional Services, a Plex partner or self-implemented.
10. How many of your facilities use Plex? (Please include geographic locations for each.)
11. Has your company ever won a Plex Impact Award?
12. Which award category are you nominating your company for?
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 - b. Product or Technology **Innovator**: A company that leverages Plex to drive innovation within or beyond their specific industry. If your company is delivering new products, using new devices/technology to reimagine your approach to manufacturing, or finding new ways to manage your business with Plex, your company is an INNOVATOR.
 - c. Industry **Leader**: A company that has leveraged Plex to emerge as a leader in its industry or among its peers. If your company is setting the bar for local or global industry best practices, redefining the way companies succeed and grow in your space, uniquely addressing STEM education efforts and the skills gap, or continuing to drive the industry toward change, your company is an INDUSTRY LEADER.

Nomination Category Questions

BUSINESS OPERATIONS TRANSFORMER

1. How has your business transformed since implementing the Plex Smart Manufacturing Platform, DemandCaster or Mach2? This could include building production efficiencies, reducing operational costs, gaining better inventory control, using data to make smarter decisions, maximizing supply chain opportunities, improving machine connectivity or limiting disruption / capitalizing on new business opportunities during the pandemic.
2. How has Plex helped you with this transformation? This can be specific to the technology and/or services and support.
3. How did this transformation impact your business? Please include relevant quantitative and qualitative results.
4. In 500 words or less, tell us how your company is making an overall impact in manufacturing, within and beyond your specific industry. This doesn't have to be Plex-focused, but could include:
 - Customer collaboration
 - Diversifying into new industries or products
 - Existing product line innovation
 - Globalization
 - Leadership in a new process (e.g. Lean)
 - Machine connectivity
 - Process automation
 - STEM education initiatives/closing the skills gap
 - Supply chain agility
 - Training / hiring practices
 - Other community impact
5. Tell us why your company should take home a Plex Impact Award this year.
6. Is there any other information we should consider during the judging phase? Please include links to case studies, video content or other assets that tell your company's story.
7. Are you open to Plex telling your story externally (e.g. Plex blog or social channels)? Don't worry, we'll share the content with you first.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. Please upload your company logo (high resolution .gif, .jpeg, .jpg or .png).

PRODUCT OR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

1. What innovation in process or technology have you implemented in your manufacturing operations? (This could include new automation or analytics efforts, a successful Industrial IoT pilot, completely digitizing a legacy process or connecting systems in a new way.) Or what new product have you introduced?
2. How has Plex helped to enable this new product, process or technology innovation? This can be specific to the solution and/or services and support.
3. What is the business impact this innovation has delivered for you? This could include new market or customer opportunities, increased revenue, reduced risk, increased internal efficiencies, profitability, redefining or refocusing employee roles, etc. Please include relevant quantitative and qualitative results.
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INDUSTRY LEADER

1. What are you doing as a company to lead within your specific industry or across manufacturing generally? Please provide specifics as to your leadership objectives and goals, as well as related business opportunities and achievements.
2. How does Plex help you lead in the manufacturing industry? This can be specific to technology and/or Plex services and support.
3. How is your company planning to continue this leadership momentum over the next 12 months? Outline any in-progress or future projects or goals that demonstrate your commitment to leadership. Please include relevant quantitative and qualitative target KPIs and any initial results.
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