

TECKNEXUS AWARDS 2026

ENTRY KIT

Recognizing excellence and innovation across the global private networks ecosystem.



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2025 AWARD WINNERS



SAMPLE CUSTOMER DEPLOYMENTS | 2025



DEPLOYMENT PARTNERS | 2025



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN THE PRIVATE NETWORK ECOSYSTEM

The TeckNexus Private Networks Awards honor outstanding achievements in private and hybrid network deployments - including 5G, LTE, and CBRS — across manufacturing, healthcare, energy, smart cities, defense, and more. The awards celebrate innovation, execution, and leadership, while giving winners global visibility and validation.

01 – Innovation

**Original thinking,
applied in production.**

Solutions that move beyond pilots into scalable, repeatable outcomes.

02 – Execution

**Real deployments,
measurable results.**

Evidence-backed use cases with clear KPIs and operational impact.

03 – Leadership

**Setting the pace for
the industry.**

Trend-shaping work that other organizations look to and learn from.

04 – Collaboration

**Partnerships that
deliver together.**

Customers, vendors, integrators, and operators executing in synergy.

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FOUR AWARD TRACKS

FOR THE PRIVATE NETWORKS ECOSYSTEM

CATEGORY 01

Private Network Vertical Awards

End-to-end deployments and use cases across 5G, LTE, and CBRS - celebrating customers, operators, and the deployment leaders behind them.

CATEGORY 02

Technology Awards

Core, RAN, edge, security, orchestration, and assurance technologies advancing what private networks can do in production.

CATEGORY 03

Innovation Awards

Breakthrough applications and emerging models - AI, digital twins, mission-critical use, and novel commercial structures.

CATEGORY 04

Leadership Awards

Executives, programs, and teams whose work has shaped the trajectory of the private networks industry.

SUBMISSIONS TIMELINE

KEY DATES & ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are non-refundable and apply per submission, regardless of selection outcome. Multiple entries are encouraged — each requires its own completed form and fee.

PHASE 1 .
MAY 15, 2026

SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Online entry form goes live. Early bird pricing active from day one.

\$399 / entry

PHASE 2 .
JULY 30, 2026

EARLY BIRD CLOSES

Last day to lock in the discounted entry fee per nomination.

PHASE 3 .
AUG 30, 2026

FINAL DEADLINE

Last day to submit. No extensions will be granted past this date.

\$499 / entry

PHASE 4 .
SEP 30, 2026

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Digital video presentation, press release, and badge delivery to winners.

PHASE 5 .
NOV 30, 2026

MAGAZINE & SPOTLIGHTS

Feature articles, interviews, and editorial content roll out across channels.

WHAT MAKES A WINNING SUBMISSION

NO.	CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
01	Title & Nomination Category	A concise, impactful title that maps clearly to the selected category. Vague or misaligned titles score low regardless of content quality.
02	Use Case Introduction	Clear deployment context and alignment with current industry trends. Sets the stage — judges should know immediately why this entry matters.
03	Problem Statement & Objectives	A well-defined challenge with demonstrated urgency and industry significance. Generic problem statements do not score well.
04	Solution Innovation & Practicality	What makes this solution distinct from conventional approaches — and evidence that it works in production, not just in theory.
05	Technology Choice & Justification	Clear rationale for the chosen technology (5G, LTE, CBRS, Open RAN) and a direct link between that choice and the problem being solved.
06	Measurable Benefits & KPIs	Quantifiable outcomes backed by operational metrics. Judges weight evidence-backed claims significantly higher than stated benefits without data.
07	Industry Impact & Scalability	Potential for replication, trend-setting impact, and contribution to broader digital transformation beyond the single deployment.
08	Company Role & Partner Collaboration	Clear articulation of your organization's specific contributions and evidence of partner synergy — not just a list of logos.
09	Deployment Status & Roadmap	Current implementation stage (trial, testing, deployed, production) plus a credible plan for scale or expansion.
10	Supporting Evidence & Endorsements	Third-party validation — customer quotes, press releases, case study URLs, or video. Credible external voices materially strengthen scores.
11	Use Case Narrative	A compelling, publication-ready summary. This is what TeckNexus editors use for award spotlights and magazine features — write it accordingly.

WHAT MAKES A WINNING LEADER NOMINATION


LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

NO.	CRITERION	DESCRIPTION
01	Strategic Vision	Did this leader define or redirect a product, platform, or market strategy that advanced private network adoption?
02	Industry Influence	Has this leader shaped how the market thinks — through standards bodies, keynotes, published positions, or media presence?
03	Measurable Business Impact	Quantifiable outcomes tied to their leadership: deployment scale, customer wins, revenue growth, or market expansion.
04	Ecosystem Development	Partnerships built, channels enabled, or enterprise programs cultivated under their direction.
05	Enterprise Customer Outcomes	End-user organizations that achieved measurable results from decisions made under their leadership.
06	Team & Organizational Leadership	Evidence of building high-performing teams, enabling others to lead, or driving organizational capability in private networks.
07	Thought Leadership	Keynotes, publications, panels, standards contributions, or policy engagement in 2024–2026.
08	Advocacy & Market Education	Contribution to raising enterprise or government awareness of private network value - beyond their own company's marketing.
09	Peer & Customer Endorsements	Third-party testimonials from customers, partners, analysts, or industry bodies. Judges weight external voices heavily.
10	Compelling Leadership Narrative	A clear, publication-ready account of impact — not a career summary. This is what TeckNexus will publish if the nominee wins.

SUBMISSION FORM: Choose one category

Submit Entry

Vertical excellence (14 categories)

 Manufacturing Smart factory, predictive maintenance, remote ops	 Energy & Utilities Smart grids, remote monitoring, energy efficiency	 Mining Safety, automation & remote operations	 Airports Security, operations & passenger experience	 Ports Terminal, vessel & cargo coordination	 Sports & Events Fan experience & real-time analytics
 Warehouse & Logistics Automation, tracking, supply chain	 Construction Site safety & on-site connectivity	 Education Smart campus, AR/VR learning	 Defense & Public Safety Secure comms, mission-critical	 Agriculture Precision farming, drones, crop analytics	 Healthcare Connected care, remote diagnostics
 Automotive Connected vehicles & smart manufacturing	 Smart Cities Urban infrastructure & public services	 Highways Roadside connectivity, traffic safety, incident response	 Railways Trackside connectivity, rail operations, passenger safety		

Technology awards (6 categories)

 Network Security Zero-trust, threat detection, resilience	 Neutral Host Shared infrastructure, open access	 System Integration Multi-vendor interoperability	 Testing & Assurance Validation, automation, QoS	 Open RAN Excellence Disaggregated, interoperable RAN	 NTN & Satellite Non-terrestrial private network extension
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Innovation & leadership (5 categories)

 AI-Powered Networks GenAI, agentic ops, intelligent automation	 Sustainability Green networks & energy efficiency	 Startup Excellence Groundbreaking market entrants	 Ecosystem Partnership Most impactful vendor-enterprise collab	 Leader of the Year Individual executive leadership award
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SUBMISSION FORM: TELL US YOUR STORY AND SHOW THE PROOF

Q2 | Required TITLE & CATEGORY FIT

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Q3 | Required INTRODUCTION

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Q4 | Required PROBLEM STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

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Q5 | Required SOLUTION INNOVATION & PRACTICALITY

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Q6 | Required MEASURABLE BENEFITS AND KPIS

Quantifiable outcomes backed by operational metrics. Judges weight evidence-backed claims significantly higher than stated benefits without data.

Q7 | Required INDUSTRY IMPACT & SCALABILITY

Potential for replication, trend-setting impact, and contribution to broader digital transformation beyond the single deployment.

Q8 | Required TECHNOLOGY CHOICE & JUSTIFICATION

Clear rationale for the chosen technology (5G, LTE, CBRS, Open RAN) and a direct link between that choice and the problem being solved.

Q9 | Required COMPANY ROLE

Clear articulation of your organization's specific contributions.

Q10 | Optional PARTNER'S ROLE

Clear articulation of all partner organizations' specific contributions to the related deployment

Q11 | Required USE CASE STATUS

Current implementation stage (trial, testing, deployed, production)

Q12 | Optional PHASES & MILESTONES

Key phases of the project and major milestones from inception to its current stage.

Q13-Q15 | Optional

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE AND VIDEO URL

Third-party validation - customer quotes, press releases, case study URLs, or video. Credible external voices materially strengthen scores.

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WINNER BRANDING PACKAGES

VISIBILITY PACK

Establish your win as permanent, discoverable market proof. Every winner receives complimentary base recognition **at no cost**.

Complimentary / winner

TROPHY & RECOGNITION

- ✓ Physical trophy shipped to your office
- ✓ Digital award badge for use across all marketing channels
- ✓ Listed in the official TeckNexus 2026 winners press release

EDITORIAL & CONTENT

- 800-word feature article - published in Private Network Magazine (digital edition) and as an SEO-optimized post on TeckNexus.com, LLM-ready for ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews
- ✓ Permanently hosted winner profile on TeckNexus.com with full use-case detail

BRAND & VISIBILITY

- ✓ Logo on magazine cover and article page
- ✓ Featured in TeckNexus winner announcement to 50,000+ subscriber base
- ✓ Featured in Private Network LinkedIn Newsletter - winners edition
- ✓ 2 dedicated social posts tagging your organization (LinkedIn + X)

Included — No Action Needed

Includes articles approved by winners within 30 days of the award announcement

INTELLIGENCE PACK

Embed your solution inside the TeckNexus evaluation ecosystem – reaching enterprise buyers at the moment they are comparing vendors.

Browse All FREE Intelligence Tools

\$1,500 / annual subscription

CO-BRANDED TOOL

- ✓ TeckNexus builds a co-branded Private Network tool tailored to your vertical - assessment, readiness tracker, or decision guide
- ✓ Your solution surfaces as the recommended path for organizations that match your ideal buyer profile
- ✓ Tool permanently hosted on TeckNexus Intelligence Platform and promoted to active enterprise evaluators
- ✓ Full opt-in lead list from every tool completion — name, title, organization, and engagement data

INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM PLACEMENT

- ✓ Placement in the relevant TeckNexus Decision Platform (Manufacturing, Mining, Ports, Airports, or relevant vertical)
- ✓ Mention in a co-branded vertical intelligence brief or monthly sector update

DISTRIBUTION

- ✓ Second 400-word press release focused on the co-branded assessment tool launch - authored by TeckNexus
- ✓ Co-branded LinkedIn newsletter feature - dedicated section on the assessment tool and your vertical leadership

Reserve Intelligence Pack

Available to **award winners and non-winners**. Can be combined with the Authority Pack.

AUTHORITY PACK

Turn your win into a multi-format content series that drives inbound for months. **Everything in the Visibility Pack, plus:**

\$3,500 / winner

WEBINAR & LEAD GENERATION

- ✓ TeckNexus-hosted webinar built around your deployment story - editorial framing, not a vendor pitch
- ✓ If you have opted into the Intelligence Pack, webinar content also covers your co-branded assessment tool
- ✓ Full opt-in registrant list shared post-event - named contacts, titles, and organizations
- ✓ On-demand recording permanently hosted alongside your winner profile
- ✓ YouTube Shorts created from webinar Q&A for LinkedIn and social amplification

EDITORIAL & CONTENT

- ✓ 400-word press release on your category win and deployment impact - authored by TeckNexus, wire-ready and reprintable on your own channels
- ✓ Front-page placement on TeckNexus.com for 30 days for your featured article

BRAND & VISIBILITY

- ✓ Featured in dedicated TeckNexus winner announcement to 50,000+ subscribers across email and social
- ✓ 1-month homepage banner on TeckNexus.com in the sponsored content zone
- ✓ Inclusion in winners' social video reel - 60-90 second highlight reel shared across TeckNexus channels

Reserve Authority Pack

Includes everything in the Visibility Pack

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THANK YOU

**FOR YOUR ATTENTION
AND PARTICIPATION**




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