Thousands of teams from the world’s most successful companies have participated in the International Team Excellence Awards (ITEA) program, demonstrating key areas of impact, including customer satisfaction, waste reduction, and employee morale. These efforts, described by the competing teams, have shown improved profitability and ROI to the companies they serve.

Rooted in quality history, ITEA has a new look after 35 years of recognizing team achievements, with updates focused on improvements in business performance. ASQExcellence (ASQE) is pleased, that as of January 2020, the ITEA program is now a part of ASQE, a trade association serving a global membership of organizations.
Why Participate in ITEA?

Participation in the ITEA program provides your team the opportunity to:

**EXPLORE**
Understand best practices by using ITEA criteria

**SHOWCASE**
Share your project’s examples of continuous improvement success

**BE RECOGNIZED**
Award employees and motivate your workforce to pursue organizational excellence at all levels

**BENCHMARK**
Evaluate how your project measures up against ITEA criteria

Showcase Your Team Talent!

ITEA features two rounds of competition within each program cycle — a preliminary and final round — culminating in the official International Team Excellence Awards Ceremony at ASQ’s World Conference on Quality & Improvement. ITEA follows a structured timeline, featuring new tools (including digital forms and templates), an improved and simplified digital scoring process, and a virtual team presentation process.

**PRELIMINARY ROUND**
- **September**
  Application & entry materials due
- **November**
  Judging of entry materials
- **December**
  Qualified teams advance to final round

**FINAL ROUND**
- **March**
  Finalist teams submit materials for judging
- **April**
  Virtual judging of final round materials
- **May**
  Winners recognized at ASQ’s World Conference on Quality & Improvement
What Are the Requirements to Participate in ITEA?

Whether you are a quality professional, or a leader within a large organization, ASQE welcomes you to participate in ITEA!

**ASQE Organizational Members**

At the Enterprise and Leader levels, one ITEA entry is included within annual membership benefits. If your organization does not have an active membership, visit [asq.org/membership](http://asq.org/membership) to select a level of benefits that best suits your team’s needs and apply! Team members must be linked to the Organizational Membership to compete in the ITEA program. If you have any questions about this process, please contact [orgmembership@asq.org](mailto:orgmembership@asq.org). For additional team entries, or all other levels of Organizational Membership, the ITEA entry fees below apply.

**ASQ Members and Non-Members**

In addition, we welcome individuals within ASQ’s membership, and non-members in the quality community, to apply and participate in the annual ITEA cycle! This process has benefitted quality professionals across the globe, and showcases their talent and success. If you are interested in more information, or to complete the application process, visit [asqeitea.org](http://asqeitea.org) to begin your journey.

**ITEA ENTRY FEES:** $675 first entry | $575 additional entries (up to 5 teams per location/cycle)

For any questions, or linking instructions, please contact [ITEA@asq.org](mailto:ITEA@asq.org) for assistance and information. For ITEA program Terms & Conditions, please visit the [asq.org](http://asq.org) website.

Organizations like yours are increasingly focused on advancing a culture of quality-based practices to accelerate business value and drive growth.

Recognize your high-performing teams with ITEA!
Our Mission

The mission of ASQE is to inspire excellence, providing programs and benefits such as ITEA to Organizational Members to serve this purpose. ASQ and ASQE complement and enhance each other by providing member value for both individuals and organizations. They are directly connected through the rich 75-year history of ASQ to develop both resources and networks, focusing on quality and best practices to pursue excellence.

Now that ITEA is a program and benefit within ASQE’s Organizational Membership, this global program directly supports key strategic initiatives such as advancing the field of quality and inspiring organizational excellence best practices. ASQE’s Organizational Membership is focused on four key areas of benefits:

- INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING & RESEARCH
- QUALITY RESOURCES & TOOLS
- TALENT & TEAM DEVELOPMENT
- ENGAGEMENT, NETWORKING & EVENTS

ITEA is uniquely situated to assist in all four benefit categories, with significant emphasis on world-class benchmarking. For more information on ASQE’s Organizational Membership, visit our website to explore all levels and benefits!