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Best in New Ways of Work

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Nominee/Project Name

This award recognizes the future enterprise that is able to rethink the way works get done. The Future of Work is a fundamental shift in the work model to one that fosters human-machine collaboration, enables new skills and worker experiences, and supports a secure location and device agnostic virtual workspace and reimagined physical workplace. Work transformation is critical for effectively scaling digital transformation initiatives.

The winner of this category needs to demonstrate capability in at least one of the following areas:

- **Digital Worker technologies:** The work initiative might emphasize the adoption of "digital worker" technologies (i.e. AI, robotics, process automation, AR/VR), fostering human-machine collaboration.
- **Human-Machine Collaboration Tools:** The work initiative might demonstrate AI-driven tools that enhance productivity by automating routine tasks, providing decision support, and enabling interactive human-AI teamwork. Systems should also include feedback loops for workers to refine AI output
- **Secure Virtual Workspaces:** The work initiative might demonstrate robust cybersecurity measures should protect sensitive data across devices and locations. This includes secure access protocols, encryption, and compliance with privacy regulations to ensure a safe virtual environment.
- **Extensive Customization:** It might emphasize personalization of both virtual and physical workspaces to meet individual worker needs, such as ergonomic setups, tailored software interfaces, or team-specific collaboration zones.
- **Upskilling Opportunities:** The model might prioritize reskilling workers to collaborate effectively with AI systems, emphasizing digital fluency, critical thinking, and adaptability to emerging technologies.
- **Enhanced Team Dynamics:** The initiative might emphasize how Physical and virtual spaces are designed to foster collaboration through tools that facilitate communication, brainstorming, and teamwork. This includes features like VR meeting rooms or adaptable office layouts for group interactions.
- **Innovation Culture:** The initiative might emphasize how a changed work culture encourages continuous innovation and a new type of organizational agility; has outcome-focused leadership style and culture that shows empathy, empowerment, frictionless engagement, and speed; deploys digital technology to offer upskilling/ reskilling and career development opportunities to all employees.
- **Knowledge Management:** The initiative might describe a work initiative that offers all workers secure access to required corporate resources (data, applications, co-workers) and supports collaboration with trust at the core. Corporate facilities leverage digital technology to foster collaboration across physical and digital boundaries and create a safe and healthy environment.

Country of Nomination

You should have authority to apply as the CIO/CTO/CDO or on behalf of the CIO/CTO/CDO's office of the said organization.

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Company

(Name of your organization to be used in official communications)

Company Profile

200 words

(Organization Profile 200 words max)

Company Website

Industry

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Banking

Insurance

Financial Services

Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries

Mining/Oil/Gas

Aerospace/Defense

Automotive

Electrical and Electronic manufacturing

Food, Beverage & Consumer Goods

Industrial and other manufacturing

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Point of Contact

(Name and contact information of person submitting nomination)

First Name

Last Name

Department

Job Title

Email Address

Contact Number (Mobile Only)

Contact at Nominated Organization

(Fill out if different from above. Leave blank if not applicable.)

First Name (optional)

Last Name (optional)

Department (optional)

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Contact Number (Mobile Only) (optional)

Project roll-out date (Must be between January 2025 to March 2026)

All nominated projects/programs must have gone live no later than March 2026. Use the earliest date at which the project/program was rolled out in the country of nomination. If the project/program is part of a larger initiative, use the date specific to the project/program nominated.

Please ensure that the initiative or program that you are nominating has been rolled out for at least six months. Ultimately, IDC believes that a minimum of six months of live production use is an appropriate time to evaluate the outcomes of initiatives. However, if you can demonstrate that the initiative or project provided quantifiable benefits in less than 6 months, then please feel free to include such initiatives, but specify the reason why this was so impactful.)

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Project Lead

Please provide the name, designation, and email address of the project lead, should there be further clarifications on the nomination.

Executive Sponsor

Please provide the name and designation of the executive sponsor of this project, who will receive the award, should your organization win.

Nomination Summary

200 words

This may be used in IDC Future Enterprise Awards press release should your initiative be awarded. Please include the overview, why it is innovative, and one major measurable business outcome as a result of the initiative.

Note: By submitting this nomination you are giving permission for IDC to publish a summary to support press releases and other documents related to the Awards and IDC research process, and to use the submitted project information as part of case studies and IDC research. Should any information be strictly confidential, please indicate in the corresponding field of the nomination form and/or the attachment.

Nomination Information

1. New Ways of Work Initiative/Strategy

500 words

Provide details of your New Ways of Work initiative / strategy that answers the following.

- What business problem your initiative/strategy addressed
- Why this problem was important to resolve
- What are the desired outcomes of the initiative/strategy prior to implementation.
- How has your organization been able to differentiate yourself from the rest with this initiative/strategy.
- Describe your overarching approach/model to implementing your initiative/strategy.

2. Key Challenges

500 words

Elaborate the key technological and infrastructure challenges that either necessitated the commissioning of the new ways of work project or were overcome during the implementation of the project. Provide qualitative and quantitative data on the challenges.

3. New Ways of Work Solution Details

500 words

Provide details on the solution(s) deployed, specific technologies utilized, vendors partnered with, and achieved technology outcomes.

4. Transformation Benefits

For the top benefits noted above, please provide quantitative measures you have observed or measured for those areas positively impacted by this project (e.g., US\$ 300,000 in savings, 20% revenue growth, all employees (remote or onsite) are given full access to data/information through leveraging cloud/security leading to faster decision/work process by 50%, health and safety metrics, sustainability (environmental) metrics, energy efficiency metrics, etc.). Responses are only required for those areas you believe were addressed by the initiative.

Please include a brief explanation for each area you select up to **100 words max**. Enter N/A if not applicable or relevant to your effort.

a. Cost Reduction/Savings

100 words

b. Revenue Generated

100 words

c. Productivity Improvement

100 words

d. Ease of Cross-Functional Collaborations / Ease of Completing Tasks by Workers (external, internal, remote) / Ease of Accessing Data for Quick Decision Making

100 words

e. Upskilling Process

100 words

f. Talent Retention Rate

100 words

g. Others, please specify (optional)

100 words

5. Lessons Learned

200 words

What important lessons have you learned from your initiative that you would share with business and technology leaders who are about to undertake a similar journey? How will you replicate the success of your initiative or are there plans to expand your initiatives in the future?

6. Additional Information

200 words

- Why was this project transformative and why does it deserve a nomination in this category?
- Please include recognition/awards from external organizations and relevant press releases/media coverage.

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Upload JPEG or PDF files. A maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of ten pieces can be uploaded with your entry.
2. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
3. Provide website URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or active URL of a landing page. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided and active.
4. Please do not upload any further written material as the judges will not consider these. The written component of your entry should be fully explained within the provided form fields.

To nominate yourself for the IDC CIO Awards 2026, please use this form to send in your project details.

1. Please provide the necessary details through your official email ID only. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
2. The project should have gone live between January 2025 to March 2026. Projects that are yet to go live will not be considered.
3. Based on the submitted information, the IDC CIO Awards 2026 honorees will be chosen by the judging panel of IDC's Analyst and CIO Advisory board.
4. Applicants are encouraged to include any information about their project or initiative that they would like the jury to consider.
5. Each entry will be judged based on how it compares to all other entries submitted. Honorees will not be ranked. Except for the Top 3 Winners.

6. IT Vendors and Technology Consultants do not qualify for the IDC CIO Awards. Vendors and consultants may instead nominate completed projects on behalf of end user* organizations utilizing their technology products or services. Please provide confirmation from the client that they wish to participate in the awards program.
7. Discovery of falsification of data or fraudulent claims will constitute grounds for disqualification.
8. Nominations must be by, or on behalf of, the senior most Information Technology executive in the organization who is authorized to apply on behalf of the organization.
9. Rest assured that nothing filed in the nomination form will be published on any website/social media of IDC or talked/discussed during the event or otherwise.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026