Field of the Year and other STMA Award applications due next month

NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME to begin preparing your STMA Field of the Year Application. The deadline for materials to be received at STMA headquarters is October 15, 2012. The STMA Field of the Year program requires photos from throughout the year, completion of the STMA PCI, and several other items that you can get started on early.

After a successful first year in 2011, the entire application process remains electronic. While not a true "online process," applicants are required to fill out the forms and submit their materials (forms and photos) via email, the internet or a flash drive or CD. It is the intent of the Awards Committee that this process allow for remote judging of applications, provide a level playing field (sorry for the pun) for all applicants regardless of budget spent on "the presentation" of the facts regarding the field, and really help the "story" of the field and crew shine through. Go to

www.stma.org/awards-program, make sure to read the instructions carefully, and submit your field today.

Each Field of the Year Award winner is pre-

sented with a special plaque at the STMA Awards Banguet, held each year at the STMA Conference and Exhibition. This year, the Awards Banquet will be the evening of Friday, January 18, 2013 in Daytona Beach, FL. In addition to the plaque, each STMA Field of the Year winner will receive free conference registration. three nights of lodging at the conference hotel, STMA signature apparel, and a feature article in the official publication of STMA, SportsTurf Magazine. The STMA Awards Program is generously supported by STMA's official awards sponsors Carolina Green Corp., Ewing Irrigation, Hunter Industries and World Class Athletic Surfaces

Innovative Award

STMA's Award for Commercial Innovation recognizes those companies that evolve the professional capacity of the sports turf manager. If you are an STMA Commercial Member and exhibiting at the upcoming 2013 Conference and Exhibition, any product, service, equipment or technology you have introduced since the 2012 show is eligible to receive the

STMA Innovative Award. A panel of non-commercial STMA members representing all segments of membership will judge the entries and may give the award to multiple companies that meet the criteria. Winner(s) will be able to use a special logo in their promotion of the winning innovation and STMA will publicize the winners through its communication vehicles, including SportsTurf Magazine! Go to www.stma.org/awards-program to download the entry form, submit it to stmainfo@stma.org, and good luck!

STMA Founder Awards

Nominate a peer who has impacted the sports turf profession for one of STMA's most prestigious awards. Each of the four Founders awards recognizes someone who has made a difference in the industry. To nominate someone for these highly respected awards, download the nomination form at www.stma.org/stma-founders-awards. The winners will be announced at the Annual STMA Awards Banquet, which is Jan. 18, 2013 in Daytona Beach, FL.

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Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: www.imstma.org.

Indiana (FORMING - See Above)

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: www.kystma.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.kafmo.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): www.mistma.org

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