

## **Center for Offshore Safety selects Exxon Mobil Corporation and Baker Hughes, a GE Company, for its highest honor, the 2018 Safety Leadership Awards**

HOUSTON, September 25, 2018 – The Center for Offshore Safety (COS) awarded its highest honor – 2018 Safety Leadership Awards – to Exxon Mobil Corporation and Baker Hughes, a GE Company last week during the “*Spotlight on Excellence*” sessions at the 2018 COS Safety Forum.

The safety award is showcased annually to highlight successful new projects during the COS Safety Forum each September. The three finalists in the 2018 Operator category were BP Exploration & Production Inc., Exxon Mobil Corporation, and Shell Exploration & Production Company. The three finalists in the 2018 Contractor category were American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Baker Hughes, a GE Company, and Schlumberger. These represent the most outstanding contributions to improving offshore safety management.

“Our 2018 winners Exxon Mobil Corporation and Baker Hughes, a GE Company, exemplify what it means to be a leader in safety and the values of all of our COS members,” said COS Executive Director Charlie Williams. “There have been many accomplishments in this area as our membership and industry continues to increase programs and commitments for sharing and raising the collective knowledge of the industry and it is a good area to see competition evolve. We look forward to this conference each year as we promote the world’s best safety programs.”

This year’s winner in the Operator category was Exxon Mobil Corporation who nominated their SSH&E Sharing & Learning App, designed for the use of ExxonMobil employees and contractors during execution of work on ExxonMobil’s facilities and projects to prevent incidents through information sharing and learning.

Baker Hughes, a GE Company, is the contractor winner for their nominated Threat Response Drills program, which focuses on the prevention of process safety events by proactively identifying and responding to weak signals and potential threats to well control.

Since its creation in 2011, the COS has been working with industry stakeholders to promote the highest level of safety. One way the COS does this is through the annual Safety Leadership award recognition program. The vision for this recognition program is to encourage and reward outstanding contributions to improving safety management through leadership, communication and teamwork by industry participants. This enables the COS to stimulate the sharing of such successful safety programs leading to an enhancement of the collective knowledge of the industry.

The selection criteria for the recognition program include several key components that the nomination (1) be focused on major accident risk, (2) demonstrate evidence of risk reduction or elimination and/or HSSE performance improvement, (3) be delivered in a systematic way through a HSSE management system, and (4) be effectively shared with industry.

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The Center for Offshore Safety is an industry-led initiative to promote continuous safety improvement for offshore drilling, completions, and operations through effective leadership, communication, teamwork, disciplined management systems, and independent third-party auditing and certification. The Center draws on expertise and input from the U.S. oil and natural gas offshore industry and the regulatory community.

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