



Agenda Item: Discuss and consider nominations for Industry Partner of the Year

Background: On May 4, 2022, Visit Galveston Island will host the 9th Annual Tourism Summit at the Galveston Island Convention Center, during National Tourism Week to educate and celebrate the exciting tourism industry. This is a FREE event to ALL tourism partners! Each year, our numbers increase as we bring together the organizations involved in the Galveston hospitality community to learn from one another and from experts in the field. The Summit is designed to involve, inform, educate, and excite Galvestonians. This year we have the opportunity to grow attendance again by offering a LIVE STREAM and in person experience, as well as our popular vendor expo, all featuring national and regional speakers presenting on a variety of topics aimed at increasing the number of travelers to Galveston. Those whose businesses are touched by travel from restaurateurs to hotel executives and transportation operators to nightlife professionals—will learn how to maximize their reach and get a chance to learn about new resources being made available to reach their goals.

This will be the 2nd year to recognize an Industry Partner of the year for Galveston Island. This can be an individual, organization or business that collaborates with the industry and demonstrates a strong commitment to increasing visitation by contributing to the growth and success of Galveston’s tourism products and services.

Staff Recommendation:

Discuss nominations for Industry Partner of the year. TDAC members will bring all nominations to the March meeting. At the April meeting TDAC members will review candidates and select the recipient of the 2023 Galveston Island Industry Partner of the Year.