



Tom Hughes Collaboration Award 2026

Nomination Application Instructions

DEADLINE: June 15, 2026

Thank you for your nomination for the Tom Hughes Collaboration award! Below are instructions for the format of your application.

Your application should include the following elements (in the order it is requested and numbered accordingly):

1. Your name, title, organization, and contact information.
2. The name of the 2 SMI member organizations being nominated.
3. Provide the following information (although answers may be included in supporting documentation/ attachments, it is important to directly answer the questions in your submission)
 - a. Identify the executive champions involved from both organizations.
 - b. List and describe the specific events/activities/problem solving that have demonstrated collaboration and innovation – include dates of beginning and end of project/event.
 - c. Describe how you measured success.
 - d. Describe key milestones and critical key actions that contributed to the success of the collaboration.
 - e. How do you plan to sustain collaboration and innovation over time?
4. Submit a 1–2 page executive summary describing the defining attributes of your collaboration and the reasons for your nomination. Be sure to include a narrative of the event or series of events that tell your “story” and explain what inspired you to apply.
5. Attachments such as PowerPoints, dashboards, and other material associated with the nomination are welcome.

Please email your completed application in **PDF format with any supporting documentation to Christine Dean at cdean@smisupplychain.com by June 15, 2026 with the subject line: SMI THCA 2026 Application.**

If selected as a finalist, you will be invited to present your collaboration virtually to the SMI Board. The SMI team will provide presentation timing and details in advance.