

# The Lightning Protection Institute announces the "Most Innovative Design Award" for lightning protection systems

*Collaboration is essential to the design and implementation of lightning protection systems. These awards recognize the individuals involved in this process.*

LIBERTYVILLE, IL, USA , March 4, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Many different disciplines are involved throughout a project to ensure the proper installation and function of a lightning protection system: architects, engineers, building enclosure consultants, facility managers, certified installers and more. The [Lightning](#)

[Protection Institute](#) would like to recognize these individuals each year with the newly created "Most Innovative Design" awards for commercial and residential structures.

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*Tim Harger, LPI Executive Director and LPI-IP Program Manager*

The purpose of the Most Innovative Design Awards is to provide recognition to LPI Members and an outside individual or firm for their collaboration on the design and installation of a lightning protection system. Awards are given to a person/firm that demonstrated early coordination with an LPI professional to design an innovative solution to improve the aesthetics of the lightning protection system on a noteworthy structure.

The first Most Innovative Design award for 2022 is presented to Sami Akkawi, P.E./Vice President - Electrical

Engineer of Giovanetti Shulman Associates and LPI Member, Mike Dillon of Bonded Lightning Protection Systems. Their work together resulted in the installation and completion of a system on the Hard Rock Hollywood Resort & Casino. A lightning protection system was a necessity due



to the location in a high density lightning area, the buildings height and design and the usage of the building by large amounts of people. The unique shape of this building provided several design and installation challenges that were overcome by a highly skilled and diverse team. Read more and see more pictures at <https://lightning.org/news/>.

“Early coordination in a project is vital to the proper installation and function of a lightning protection system. This process starts with a specification that outlines the proper standards, certified installers, and 3rd party inspections.” Tim Harger, LPI Executive Director and LPI-IP Program Manager.

For [specifications](#) and local certified installers, please visit our website at <https://lightning.org>. Questions? Please email the Lightning Protection Institute at [lp@lightning.org](mailto:lp@lightning.org). For the most comprehensive 3rd party inspection, please contact the [Lightning Protection Institute - Inspection Program \(LPI-IP\)](#) at [info@lpi-ip.com](mailto:info@lpi-ip.com).

Giovanetti Shulman Associates is an engineering and design firm with offices in Broomall, PA and Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Bonded Lightning Protection Systems provides certified installers and design services in Jupiter, FL (HQ) and throughout the United States. Contact information for this LPI Member and others near you: <https://lightning.org/about/find-a-contractor/>



Hard Rock Hollywood Resort and Casino/Credits: Pixaby



Lightning protection system installed on the Hard Rock Hollywood Resort and Casino

The Lightning Protection Institute (LPI) is a national organization leading the way to establish the highest standards and to support our members in the design, installation, and inspection of

lightning protection systems.

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