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**E&I OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 CLOUD LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

*Annual awards recognize achievements by higher education institutions using cloud technology*

**JERICHO, N.Y.** – E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) is now accepting nominations for the second annual Cloud Leadership Awards. Sponsored this year by D2L, DLT, Juniper Networks, and Canon, the Awards recognize higher education institutions that are leading innovation using cloud applications, benefiting students, teachers, administrators, and staff.

“Technology is a critical area of growth in education, with cloud technology acting as a key driver on campus,” said Tom Fitzgerald, CEO of E&I. “It’s an honor to once again recognize innovative higher education institutions for their efforts in this area, showing their peers and fellow members the importance of the cloud and the increased efficiencies and cost savings this technology offers.”

Nominations may be submitted at [www.CloudLeadershipAwards.com](http://www.CloudLeadershipAwards.com) before September 14, 2018. Nominees are evaluated by a panel of judges familiar with cloud solutions based on several criteria, including: number of students impacted, cost savings, and improved IT performance. The judges will select an overall Cloud Innovation winner and runner-up as well as a winner and runner-up in each of the following categories:

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- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Backup/Disaster Recovery
- Cloud Storage
- Public/Private Cloud Security
- Hybrid IaaS/PaaS

All winners will be recognized at a dedicated ceremony during the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in Denver, CO to be held on November 1, 2018. To learn more about the Cloud Leadership Awards, and to submit your nomination, please visit: [www.CloudLeadershipAwards.com](http://www.CloudLeadershipAwards.com).

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