communities of excellence 2026
Assessment & Recognition
A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Community of Excellence (Level 3)
Reviewer Key Information and Timeline

Key Information

Applications for the Community of Excellence (Level 3) assessment and recognition include responses to the Communities of Excellence criteria in their entirety, including the Community Profile and categories 1–7. In their responses to the process categories (1–6), applicants will detail the approach used, the extent of deployment, evidence of learning, and integration. In responding to category 7 (Results), applicants will report levels, trends, comparisons, and integration for all key results.

Estimated Time Commitment: 40+ hours including at least 2 video conferences and additional training hours.

Timeline

April 14 - May 15	Application period open for volunteer reviewers.
May 22	Reviewers are notified of acceptance.
June 2	Reviewers receive community assignment, logistics information, and training schedule.
June 26 - 30	Reviewer training. (exact dates/times TBD)
July 6	Community application and instructions for review received.
July 6 - 20	Detailed review of application and documentation of key information.
July 26 – August 1	Video Conference with applicant community for clarification and additional information. (2.5 hours)
August 1 - 28	Feedback developed for assigned section(s) with review by team.
August 29 - September 1	Video Conference for team consensus on feedback. (4 hours)
September 1 -11	Feedback updated and finalized for assigned section(s) based on consensus comments.
October 13	Feedback report sent to community.