

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence

Who is eligible to be nominated?

This award recognizes large prime contractors that have documented excellence in their utilization of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. If a compliance review has been conducted in the past three years, the rating(s) received may not be less than outstanding. One award may be made in each of the following five categories: manufacturing, service, research and development, construction, and utilities. Firms that have received this award in any of the five categories within the past three years are not eligible for nomination.

Who is NOT eligible to be nominated?

Individuals or firms who are currently suspended or debarred by the Federal government.

Who may submit nominations?

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence is a self-nomination award program; large prime contractors nominate themselves.

Where are the nominations to be sent?

All nominations must be hand delivered or mailed to the Government Contracting Area Office in which the large prime contractor's headquarters is located. Electronic submissions of SBA Awards Forms are not accepted.

When is the deadline for nominations?

3:00 p.m. ET, January 9, 2018

What information must the nomination package contain?

Nominations must contain the information below. Incomplete nomination packages will not be considered.

- 1) A completed background form (SBA Form 3300, Award Nominee Background Form) which is available at www.sba.gov/nsbw
- 2) A completed nomination form (SBA Form 3308, Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence) which is available at www.sba.gov/nsbw
- 3) An original 8" x 10" or 5" x 7" photo of the nominee or a digital photo – at least 300 dpi is required. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- 4) Any other supporting documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation, and other evidence of the appropriateness of the nomination (supporting documentation must not exceed 10 pages)

What are the evaluation/selection criteria?

- 1) Summary Subcontract Report(s) for the most recently concluded fiscal year must reflect maximum practicable opportunity for all small business concerns including all socio-economic categories
- 2) A five-year small business trend analysis
- 3) Effectiveness of the small business liaison officer and demonstrated management support of the small business program
- 4) Small business outreach during the preceding fiscal year

- 5) Assistance to small businesses concerns (including all socio-economic categories) during the past two years, including technical, managerial, financial, participation in a mentor-protégé program, etc.
- 6) Other small business award recognitions during the past three years
- 7) Market analysis or research used including the System for Award Management's (SAM) Dynamic Small Business Search Engine, and use of SUB-Net for publication of subcontracting opportunities
- 8) Nomination of firms under the Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award Program in the three previous fiscal years

What are the selection procedures?

The Dwight D. Eisenhower award winners will be selected at the national level.

- 1) The Regional Government Contracting Area Offices will select nominees to compete at the national level. The nomination packages will be transmitted to the Office of Government Contracting for review.
- 2) The SBA Administrator will select the winners based, but not restricted to, on the recommendations of a panel of judges comprised of federal employees.