



Award of Excellence: Under \$50 Million open to SECAF members only

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Qualifications: SECAF's Award of Excellence will be awarded to a company that has shown a compelling and profound commitment to excellence within its community, the government contracting industry, and towards its employees during 2022 as measured by the criteria listed below.

- All applicants/business must be located within a 50-mile radius of the Washington, DC area. This includes the following states and counties and Washington, DC:
 - Maryland
 - Anne Arundel
 - Baltimore
 - Carroll
 - Charles
 - Frederick
 - Howard
 - Montgomery
 - Prince Georges
 - Virginia
 - Arlington
 - Clarke
 - Fairfax
 - Fauquier
 - King George
 - Loudoun
 - Prince William
 - Stafford
 - St. Mary's
 - Washington, DC

- Comparative evaluations of companies of different sizes against one another will be based upon performance by a company in relative comparison to its own respective peer set.

Criteria: Up to five finalists will be selected based upon the special qualitative attributes of the company and its unique traits that differentiate it from its peers. Responses should address the questions that follow within the word limits stated.

Disqualification: SECAF, in its sole discretion, reserves the immediate and unrestricted right to disqualify any finalist or winner if it (or any of its directors, officers, members, employees, or agents) commits or

has committed any act or has been involved or becomes involved in any situation or occurrence which SECAF deems likely to reflect unfavorably upon SECAF in any way. If such information is discovered, SECAF may rescind the finalist designation or award at any time. Decisions of SECAF are final and binding in all matters related to such disqualification.

Confidentiality:

SECAF will hold in confidence and will not disclose to third-parties any of the nominated company's proprietary information, except as such disclosure or use may be required in connection with the awards gala, including disclosure to the selection committee, the judges' panel, and any applicable vendors or agents utilized to compile the information. For the purposes of this Submission, proprietary information shall not include information to the extent that it: (i) is a matter of public knowledge; (ii) becomes a matter of public knowledge solely from a source other than SECAF or any other person (whether natural or legal) subject to an obligation of confidentiality to the nominated company or; (iii) is obligated to be disclosed pursuant to applicable law, regulation or legal process.

Deadline for submission is 5:00PM EST on Friday, February 24, 2023. Please note that all fields must be entered. If some are not applicable, enter 0 or NA. If you have any questions, please contact info@secaf.org.

Please make sure your answers focus on quantitative measures of outcome. Please be specific and provide as much data to support your response as possible.

Questions:

1. Provide a company description that includes its history (100 words)
2. Date company founded
3. Total Revenue and Total Employees (please clarify the number of W2s and the number of 1099s in your response)

Please provide appropriate background information and a description of your company's efforts and initiatives to add profound value to any one or all of the following:

4. Community Focus: Charitable work, community partnerships, community enrichment activities, and philanthropic outreach within your community. (250 words)
5. Support of the Government Contracting Industry:
Examples of relevant Industry engagement and enrichment activities, partnership activities and/or special relationships your company had within the Industry, and as applicable, an overview of your company's role serving as a Mentor (formally or informally) to others within the Industry. (250 words)
6. Commitment to Employees: Establishing and maintaining a strong workplace environment and corporate culture where employees wish to work.
Examples may include continuing education programs, distinguishing commitments to career development opportunities, leadership training initiatives, special benefits, rewards/incentives for employees, etc. (250 words)