



Government Project of the Year

This application is for information purposes only. All applicants must fill out an application on the awards portal.

Description (Open to SECAF members only. Join now – [here.](#))

Qualifications: The Government Project of the Year will be awarded to a company that demonstrates that it led and delivered (or began leading and delivering), in 2022, a uniquely profound project or program that had material impact upon the mission and objective of its government customer, as measured by the criteria listed below.

- All applicants/businesses 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

Criteria: The applicant must demonstrate its role in the success of the project or program, to include validation by the government customer that the applicant was primarily responsible for leading and delivering the effort being showcased. The applicant may be a subcontractor principally responsible for the subject program or project. Whether prime or sub, the applicant must provide clear illustration that the applicant's methodologies, design, tools, personnel, etc. were primarily and directly responsible for the execution and success of the subject project or program. This award is limited to SECAF Member companies only (at time of application submission). Finalists will be selected based upon the submitted quantitative and qualitative information.

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. Company description that includes history (50 words)
2. Please provide an overview of the project that captures its significance, outcomes, and what sets it apart from other applications that we may see in this category (100 words)
3. Core details about the project or program. Topics to cover in your response include, but are not limited to: **describe what your company's role was/is in the effort**; the project or program's scope, duration (including estimated beginning and end dates), and stage of completion on December 31, 2022; the situation or environment that led to your company's involvement (i.e. hurdles the government customer could not overcome in its own; perhaps some crisis, threat or other external factor that the customer/program or project was facing prior to the applicant's involvement; etc.); any innovative and proprietary discriminators used by the applicant to deliver value, such as methodologies, tools, products, etc.; why it is appropriate to recognize the success of the project or program at this time (350 words)
4. To the best of your ability, provide your best quantification of the materiality of the project's or program's impact on the government client, such as completion of mission, protection of warfighter, financial gains, improved efficiencies, profound safety or health ramifications, etc. (150 words)
5. Affirmation of value to the government. **To the best of your ability**, please provide proof of validation directly from the government customer regarding the value it received from the subject project or program, **as well as acknowledgement of the applicant's primary role in the subject effort.**

Note: Applicants may attach a PDF associated with affirmation/validation provided by the applicant's government customer regarding the subject project or program.