



### Mentor-Protégé Program of the Year

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

**Qualifications:** The SECAF Mentor-Protégé Program of the Year will be awarded to a company that has shown a compelling and profound commitment to excellence through its efforts as a prime contractor by providing tangible benefits to small businesses and/or subcontractors during the past year.

- 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:** Finalists will be selected based upon the submitted 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](mailto:info@secaf.org).

***Question:*** Mentor-Protégé programs are designed to improve the performance of contracts and subcontracts, foster the establishment of long-term business relationships between large prime contractors and small business subcontractors, and strengthen subcontracting opportunities and mutual accomplishments.

Please provide a summary of the Mentor-Protégé Program pursuant to which you established your Mentor-Protégé relationship (SBA, DoD, DHS, DOT etc.). The program should be substantially started or active/in process during 2022 for at least 6 months of 2022. If your relationship was not established pursuant to one of the aforementioned programs, please describe the nature of your Mentor-Protégé relationship and the statutory or legal authority for such relationship. If selected as the winner, both the Mentor and the Protégé will be celebrated during the awards presentation of the 2023 SECAF Awards Gala (500 words)