



**U. S. Small Business Administration**

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**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- Nominee must own and operate a minority small business in accordance with SBA's rules and regulations.
- Nominee's firm must be in satisfactory financial condition.
- Nominee's firm must have been in business for at least 3 years.
- If nominee's firm is a government contractor, it must have performed satisfactorily on all contracts, and have had no terminations for default.
- If nominee has an SBA loan, payment record must be satisfactory and the loan must be current.
- Nominee must receive clearance from the Office of the Inspector General before a public announcement of award is made.