



U.S. Small Business
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SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

SBA South Florida District Office Awards:

To be nominated and receive one of the following local awards, the small business nominee must fit within the category of the award, demonstrate success in business and complete and submit the required nomination package information. **Nomination guidelines for District Office Awards can be found at [National Small Business Week](#).** ***Incomplete packages will not be accepted.**

Minority Business Owner of the Year:

To be considered for the Minority Business Owner of the Year award, the individual must serve as a majority owner (51% or more) and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with a minimum three-year track record, **and must be from a designated minority group.**

Veteran Business Owner of the Year:

To be considered for the Veteran Business Owner of the Year award, the nominee must be a majority owner (51% or more) and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with a minimum three year track record, and must be a veteran or service-disabled veteran honorably discharged from a branch of the US Armed Services (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves or National Guard).

Woman Business Owner of the Year:

To be considered for the Woman Business Owner of the Year award, the nominee must be female who serves as a majority owner (51% or more) and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business with a minimum three year track record.

Rural Business Owner of the Year:

Any small business owner that has operated successfully for the last three years in a community of 50,000 people or less (or is considered rural).

Small Business Advocate of the Year:

This award will be presented to an individual that assists entrepreneurs through advocacy and other efforts that raise the profile, effectiveness, health, vitality, growth, or expansion of small businesses in the SBA's South Florida District Office territory. These efforts can target specific segments of the small business population such as women, veterans, minorities, exporters, and those small firms located in rural communities.

Small Business Community Partner of the Year:

This award will be presented to a certified non-profit, chamber, or other organizations whose primary mission is to help entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses. This award will recognize the impact an organization has on the local entrepreneurial community through advocacy and other efforts that raise the profile, effectiveness, health, vitality, growth, or expansion of small businesses in the SBA's South Florida District Office territory. These efforts can target specific segments of the small business population such as women, veterans, minorities, exporters, and those small firms located in rural communities.

Where are the nominations to be sent?

All nominations must be submitted electronically to the U.S. Small Business Administration South Florida District Office BOX account. BOX account information is available at [National Small Business Week](#).

When is the deadline for nominations?

3:00 p.m. ET, December 8, 2022.

SBA will make the above referenced awards to eligible small businesses at the South Florida District level only. All District Awards are judged against winners of the North Florida District Office to win the State title. Awards for Small Business Person of the Year and Exporter of the Year will be forwarded for National competition.

District Office Awards

Nominees will compete for the District Office Award(s) within an SBA District Office. Nominees must demonstrate success in business as well as contributions to their local communities.

Who is eligible to be nominated for this award?

Nominees for this award must meet the following eligibility requirements. Consult your nearest SBA district office if you have questions.

- 1) Any legal resident of the United States or its Territories who owns and operates or who bears principal responsibility for operating a small business may be nominated. Partners who jointly own and operate a small business may be nominated as a “team,” so long as the number of individuals in the team nomination does not exceed four (4).

Who is NOT eligible to be nominated for this award?

- 1) Individuals or teams who own or operate a business defined as “other than small” (i.e., large businesses) for its primary industry under the applicable SBA size standards or
- 2) Individuals or firms who are currently suspended or debarred by the Federal government.

Who may submit nominations for this award?

- 1) Individuals or organizations dedicated to the support of the small business community in the United States such as trade and professional associations and business organizations, may submit nominations.
- 2) Individuals may self-nominate.

Where are the nominations to be sent?

All nominations must be submitted electronically to the U.S. Small Business Administration district office BOX account in the state or territory where the nominee is located. BOX account information is available at www.sba.gov/nsbw. Nominations should be scanned and submitted as one full document. Photo should be submitted as a separate attachment.

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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. For “team” nominations, a background form is required for each team member;
- 2) A completed authorization, grant & release of materials form which is available at www.sba.gov/nsbw. For “team” nominations, a release form is required for each team member.

- 3) A completed nomination form (SBA Form 3315, District Office Award) which is available at www.sba.gov/nsbw;
- 4) 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. For “team” nominations, a photo of each nominee or group photo is acceptable.; and
- 5) Additional supporting documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation, nomination letter (if not self-nominated) and other evidence of the appropriateness of the nomination. Supporting documentation must not exceed 10 pages. Videos will not be considered.

What are the evaluation/selection criteria?

In evaluating the nomination packages, the judges will look at the following criteria:

- 1) Business’ staying power, growth in employees, increase in sales, improved financial position, and innovativeness of product or service offered;
- 2) Contributions to community— evidence of the use of his/her personal time and resources to contribute to its community; and
- 3) Additional criteria to be determined by the individual District Office.

What are the selection procedures?

The District Office Award will be selected by the appropriate District Director based on, but not restricted to, the recommendations of the panel of judges of federal or non-federal employees.