

# Federal Procurement Awards

- Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year
- Small Business Subcontractor of the Year
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence
- 8(a) Graduate of the Year

## Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence

### Who is eligible to be nominated for this award?

This award recognizes large prime contractors that have excelled in their utilization of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. One award may be made in each of the following five categories: manufacturing; service; research and development; construction; and utilities. Firms that have received this award in any of the five categories within the past three years are not eligible for nomination. For more information, contact the nearest Government Contracting Area Office.

### Who may submit nominations for this award?

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence is a self-nomination award program; large prime contractors nominate themselves.

### Where are the nominations to be sent?

Nominations must be submitted in one of two ways:

1. Nominations for the Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award must be submitted to the Government Contracting Area Office, Attn: Government Contracting Area Director, in which the nominated small business' headquarters is located; or
2. Nominations may be submitted via the online nominations portal on <http://nationalsmallbusinessweek.sba.gov>.

### What are the selection procedures for these awards?

Following determination of eligibility by the appropriate Government Contracting Area Offices, nomination packages will be forwarded to the Office of Government Contracting, Washington, D.C., for review and recommendation of national award winners in each category. The SBA Administrator will select the winners, based on the recommendations of a panel of judges comprised of federal employees.

### What are the evaluation/selection criteria for these awards?

1. Summary Subcontract Report(s) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 must reflect maximum practicable opportunity for small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran owned small business, Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business as required by statute and regulations.
2. Demonstrated management support of the small business program.
3. Effectiveness of the small business liaison officer.
4. Outreach efforts during the past 12 months (i.e., seminars, conferences, trade shows and any other related procurement functions).
5. Assistance to small businesses during the past two years. (In the narrative submitted with the nomination, include the various kinds of assistance such as technical, managerial, etc. and where possible, identify recipients by category: small business, HUBZone small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business).
6. Participation in a mentor-protégé program.
7. Receipt of other awards for small business activities (i.e., federal, state, trade shows, etc.) during the past three years.

8. Use of the Central Contractor Registration's (CCR's) Dynamic Small Business Search Engine, for identification of potential vendors, and use of SUB-Net for publication of subcontracting opportunities.
9. Nomination of firms under the Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award Program in FY 2011, FY 2012 and FY 2013. (If the company has not yet submitted a nomination for the Subcontractor of the Year Award Program for FY 2013, it must indicate if it intends to do so).
10. Federal agencies with which the company had contracts containing subcontracting plans as of September 30, 2013.