

2016 Governor's Minority or Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year Award

Governor's Conference on Economic Development



The Minority or Woman-Owned Small Business Award is presented to a business that has demonstrated outstanding success by the contributions they have made to our communities and economy. This award recognizes minority or woman-owned small businesses that have excelled in meeting the award criteria.

Criteria:

- *51% owned, operated and controlled in Missouri by a woman or minority Missouri resident
- *100 or fewer employees
- *A minimum 3 years of operation in the state of Missouri
- *Gives back to the community through volunteerism, contributions or in-kind services
- *Is a viable for-profit company and successful in their business
- *Maintains a responsible and rewarding workplace environment

Please complete this form and submit your nomination per the instructions at the bottom of the form. Nominations are open to everyone. Entities may nominate themselves. Additional materials and pages of information (copies only) may be submitted with this form if needed.

Nominee Information	Full Name of Nominee and Title:	
	Name of Company:	
	Company Phone:	
	Address of Company:	
	City:	State:
	E-mail:	Zip:
	Best way to contact nominee and name of contact if different from nominee:	
Nominator Information	Contact information for nominator (if different from nominee):	
	Name:	
	Address:	
	Phone:	E-mail:
	If selected as this year's winner, will you or a representative of your company attend the conference and receive the award at the Governor's Awards Luncheon on Thursday, September 8, 2016?	
	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you answered yes to the question listed above, who will represent your company (full name and title)?		

Instructions (these requirements pertain to the five questions that follow):

*12-point font *1" margins *Double-space typing *8.5" x 11" paper *1 page or less per question

1. Provide a brief description and history of the company's business.
2. How has the company utilized resources to grow?
3. Name some challenges the company has faced and describe improvements made to overcome these challenges.
4. What innovative methods has the company initiated to meet a changing market?
5. Provide one example of a service project completed by your organization and its impact on the community.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016.

Contact Christine Gardner with any questions.

Please submit form electronically or print and mail form and additional materials to:

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