



Governor's 2013 Supplier Diversity Awards Information Sheet



The Governor's Supplier Diversity Awards Event will be held on October 28 during Public Procurement Forum 2013 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA.

Nomination Information

Nominations may be submitted by Cabinet Members; Agency Directors or Deputy Directors; or Lead Procurement Officials. Nominations will be evaluated on demonstrated efforts and results achieved. Multiple awards may be made in each category.

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Governor's Supplier Diversity Award Categories and Evaluation Criteria

1. Agency SWaM Innovation and Best Practices Award *(Nomination required)*

This award recognizes state entities that have made innovations and/or modifications to their SWaM program that removed barriers, enhanced competitiveness, or increased participation by SWaM businesses. Efforts should have achieved a quantifiable outcome or resulted in a best practice model that could be used by other state entities. The Awards Committee is looking for approaches to increasing SWaM performance through creative, strategic, and effective means. Nominees will be evaluated on originality, effectiveness, efficiency, and practical utilization.

2. SWaM Champion Award *(Nomination not required – Supporting information may be submitted if desired)*

This award recognizes the individual or team of individuals who have made significant measurable performance in their SWaM program. The SWaM Champion also regards the SWaM component of procurement as key to economic growth and development; attends SWaM events and advocates on behalf of the SWaM program at different events. This award is dedicated to a leader who clearly demonstrates a commitment to work with the Department in order to foster the benefits of the SWaM program. Agency employees represented by the individual are keenly aware of the commitment of the SWaM Champion. The SWaM Champion often develops or recommends key ideas to the Department and willingly promotes these ideas to a larger audience.

3. SWaM Achievement Award *(Nomination not required – Supporting information may be submitted if desired)*

This award recognizes state entities that have improved SWaM performance and/or the highest percentage of SWaM expenditures over the most recently completed fiscal year based on Agency size and total discretionary expenditures. Nomination for this award is not required. Winners will be determined by the Awards Committee, using data from the Department of Minority Business Enterprises' SWaM Dashboard.

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1. Pacesetter *(Nomination not required - Recommendations welcomed)*

This award highlights the achievements of a division or Agency that has developed or engaged in an initiative during the previous fiscal year. The initiative demonstrated greater awareness of the Agency's commitment to the SWaM program, involved key leadership in the division or Agency as a whole, and created a better understanding of programs in the Agency that had not been fully highlighted previously. It is the goal of this award to recognize individuals who took the personal initiative to develop a program involving their Agency that communicated a far greater understanding of the Agency's procurement process and commitment to the SWaM program.

2. Program Leader *(Nomination not required – Recommendations welcomed)*

This award has been set aside to recognize the accomplishments of a department, division or Agency leader who, over the past fiscal year, has been a partner in programs with the Department of Minority Business Enterprise and/or other leadership initiatives, to improve its own Agency's programs, with the specific goal of enhancing greater participation of SWaM firms over the previous year.

