

**2023 Disability:IN INCLUSION AWARDS**

**Affiliate of the Year**

**Award Nomination Form**

**THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

The Affiliate of the Year Award honors the outstanding Disability:IN Affiliate that has demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting the vision, mission and spirit of Disability:IN. As a result of this Affiliate’s efforts, employers and their communities understand, utilize, and benefit from the valuable resources that people with disabilities present in the workplace, supply chain and marketplace. Self-nominations are encouraged.

**Please note that if your company is selected to receive this award, you will be asked to submit photos and/or videos to Disability:IN for use in an introductory video that will be shown during the award presentation at the** 2023 Disability:IN Annual Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida, July 10 – 13.

**These visuals will need to be submitted 4 weeks after notification. Will you be able to do this? Yes \_\_ No\_\_**

**\*If you have received this award within the past 5 years you are not eligible to apply. Your Affiliate must be three years old to receive this award.**

**Award criteria:**

An exemplary Affiliate is:

* A recognized Affiliate of Disability:IN in GOOD STANDING\*\*\*.
* Business-led.
* Has programming that engages business and resources to foster disability inclusion in the workplace including Supplier Diversity.
* Acts as a pipeline for business to the talent of people with disabilities.
* Promotes people with disabilities as a marketplace resource.
* Is a sustainable model for growth and maturity.

\*\*\*An Affiliate is a recognized Affiliate of Disability:IN who is in GOOD STANDING with Disability:IN. The requirements to be in GOOD STANDING include the following:

* Non-profit status required: Operating as either a 501c3 or having a documented fiscal sponsor with a signed MOU in place.
* Completed and signed Agreement/ Attachment A.
* Submitted a 2021 Annual Report/ supporting documents.

**Please complete the nomination form in its entirety and include a roster of your voting Affiliate board members/steering committee with titles and companies represented.**

1. Organization Name:

2. Contact information for the primary person to be notified:

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Organization |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Cell Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Relationship to BLN |  |

3. Contact information of a secondary person to contact:

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| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Organization |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Cell Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Relationship to BLN |  |

4. Contact information of the person completing the nomination form:

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Organization |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Cell Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Relationship to BLN |  |

5. Demonstrate how you are business-led. Specifically, which businesses and other partners participated in the leadership and implementation and growth of your Affiliate? Your public board/steering committee roster *(name of business, name of business rep and role on the Affiliate governing body- no further contact info necessary)* will be considered in this answer.(1,000 words or less) 20 points

6. Please provide the number of years that your Affiliate has been in existence and information on how you have developed and grown. Additionally, provide a complete budget for 2021 (a full calendar year) including the breakdown of your operating budget and all sources of income. If you have added additional funding for 2021 or 2022 please include that this is new funding for 2021 or 2022. (1,000 words or less) 20 points

7. Please describe the methods by which you connect Affiliate businesses to a pipeline of qualified individuals with disabilities for employment purposes. (1,000 words or less)20 points

8. Describe the programs your Affiliate conducts that makes your Affiliate an outstanding national leader in our network? Please provide the number of businesses/ entities that have benefitted from your programs in 2021 (a full calendar) year.

(1,000 words or less) 20 points Looking specifically to see if your Affiliate includes Supplier Diversity programming (5 extra bonus points).

9. Why do you believe that your Affiliate is deserving of the Affiliate of the Year Award? (1,000 words or less) 15 points

10. Please provide any other supporting information to help the awards committee in the decision making process**. Feel free to include attachments.** (5 points)

**PLEASE DO NOT CONVERT FORM TO PDF. Submit your electronic nomination, your voting public board/steering committee member roster and any supporting documents to** **awards@disabilityin.org****. General questions about this submission should be directed to: Lynn Kirkbride at** **lynn@disabilityin.org****.**

Award recipients will be selected by committee and will be recognized and receive their awards during the 2023 Disability:IN Annual Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida, July 10 – 13. Please note that late nominations will not be accepted.

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***Thank you for submitting your nomination to the
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