



Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year 2024

This document lists the questions and word counts to assist you in preparing the submission prior to completing it online. You will also be required to upload company logos, photos and / or documents. You may start the online nomination at any time and will be able to update or amend it prior to the closing date of Friday 22 March 2024.

Note: nominations must be completed and submitted via the online Awards platform – submissions will not be accepted via any other method. To nominate for any of our Supplier Diversity Award categories, please go to www.awards.supplynation.org.au

Note: if the business has won this award within the past two years (2022 or 2023), you are NOT eligible to be nominated for this award in 2024.

Category Description and Criteria

This award recognises two businesses (Supply Nation Indigenous businesses [including sole traders] and / or members) that have worked in partnership to contribute to the growth of the sector and / or specific Indigenous businesses. Such partnerships can include mentoring, programs, consortia bids, and / or strategic alliances.

The winner will have:

- Developed a successful venture with demonstrated growth either for the partnership and / or both parties and / or the Indigenous business sector
- Demonstrated shared goals, risk and vision between the parties
- Provided an example to others in developing strong partnerships
- Demonstrated commitment to building a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector

Context Questions

Please note: These questions are not scored by our judging panel but do provide them with valuable context about the partnership between the businesses.

1. Name and description of Business 1 (The Indigenous business that forms this partnership) including what it does, its key goals or objectives, and / or its vision or values. **150 words max.**
2. Name and description of Business 2 (The corporate, government or NFP member business that forms this partnership) including what it does, its key goals or objectives, and / or its vision or values. **150 words max.**
3. Please provide a history of the partnership; including what was the catalyst to form the partnership, what were each party trying to achieve, and what were the major milestones of the partnership? **250 words max.**

Criteria Questions

Please note: These questions are scored by our judging panel and have been developed to align with the category criteria as set out on the first page.

1. Describe the successes the businesses have achieved through the partnership. **250 words max.**
2. What plans does the partnership have for continued growth in the future? **250 words max.**
3. What challenges did the partnership have to overcome to achieve success? **200 words max.**
4. Describe the goals and vision of the partnership. **200 words max.**
5. How do the businesses share risk between the parties? Include reference to specific risks and mitigation strategies involving both parties. **250 words max.**
6. Explain how this is a true 'partnership' rather than purely a commercial relationship? **200 words max.**
7. What are the three most important aspects that make the partnership strong, successful and sustainable? **250 words max.**
8. Explain how this partnership has contributed to the growth of the Indigenous business/es involved and / or the wider Indigenous business sector? **200 words max.**

Prepare to Upload Attachments

Please note: As part of this nomination, you must attach the files below when you make the nomination. The maximum size allowed is 5MB per file. The images and information you choose to upload will be used if you are selected as a finalist in the award category.

1. Between one and four photos of the partnership. (High resolution - at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape.)
2. A high resolution logo of both the businesses in the partnership. Vector (.ai or .eps), .png or .jpg file type - please upload both colour and black / white versions, AND horizontal and vertical / stacked options if possible.)

Good Luck!

Nominations close at **11:59pm AEDT on Friday 22 March 2024**. This date is final and there will be no extensions provided. You can amend the nomination, even after submitting it, up until this time.

Winners will be announced at the Connect Gala Awards Dinner on Thursday 29 August on Turrbal and Jagera land at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition centre. To stay up to date with event announcements, subscribe to the Connect newsletter [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to submit the details) or follow Supply Nation on [social media](#).

If you have any questions or feedback, please email connect@supplynation.org.au or call 1300 055 298.