



Government Member of the Year 2023

This document lists the questions and word counts to assist you in preparing your 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 2 June 2023.

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 you / your organisation has won this award within the past two years (2021 or 2022), you are NOT eligible to be nominated for this award in 2023.

Category Description and Criteria

This award recognises a government member that has demonstrated exceptional commitment, engagement and leadership in supplier diversity and driven significant growth in the Indigenous business sector.

The winner will have:

- Developed, influenced and / or implemented a policy, project or initiative that has had a demonstrated impact on the sector in 2021 – 2022.
- Demonstrated commitment to building a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector.
- Demonstrated growth in procurement spend (direct or indirect) with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses over the last two calendar years (2021 – 2022). Federal Government members will be verified against Slice of Pie, all other members will be verified against SpendTracker.

Context Questions

Please note: These questions are not scored by our judging panel but do provide them with valuable context about you / your organisation.

1. Tell us about your organisation, department or agency. **150 words max.**
2. How long has your organisation been a member of Supply Nation?
3. Tell us about your vision or inspiration for working with First Nations businesses. **150 words max.**
4. Please include a brief description that outlines your business / organisation's achievements in relation to this award category. **75 words max.**
5. In what ways do you think First Nations businesses are unique? **50 words max.**
6. What motivates you or your team working in the supplier diversity space? **50 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 a relevant policy, project or initiative that has had a demonstrated impact on the sector in 2021 and / or 2022. **200 words max.**
2. What has the impact been of this policy, project or initiative? **350 words max.**
3. What do you expect the future impact to be? **300 words max.**
4. Describe the challenges you have faced in implementing this policy, project or initiative and how you have mitigated / overcome these issues. **250 words max.**
5. Explain other ways your organisation / department demonstrates its commitment to the sector. **300 words max.**
6. (Optional) Do you have public targets for Indigenous procurement spend? If yes, include progress to date and give details. **150 words max.**
7. What was the value of contracts you had with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses in the 2022 calendar year?
8. What was the value of contracts you had with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses in the 2021 calendar year?
9. What is the percentage increase in the value of your contracts with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses over the 2021 - 2022 calendar years?
10. What percentage of your overall organisational procurement spend was with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses in 2022?
11. What percentage of your overall organisational procurement spend was with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses in 2021?
12. What were the main factors that influenced any change in spend with Supply Nation Indigenous businesses from 2021 to 2022? **200 words max.**

Prepare to Upload Attachments

Please note: As part of this nomination, you must attach the files below when you make your 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 your award category.

1. Between one and four photos of your organisation or team. (High-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape.)
2. A high-resolution logo of the organisation. (Vector (.ai), .eps 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 on Friday 2 June 2023. This date is final and there will be no extensions provided. You can amend your nomination, even after submitting it, up until this time.

Finalists will be announced in late June. Winners will be announced at the Connect Gala Awards Dinner on Tuesday 8 August on Gadigal Land at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. To stay up to date with event announcements, subscribe to the Connect newsletter [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to submit your 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.