



Government Member of the Year 2026

This document lists the questions and word limits 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 update or amend it prior to **11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 22 March 2026.**

Nominations must be completed and submitted via the online Awards platform: awards.supplynation.org.au
Submissions will not be accepted via any other method.

Note: if an individual or organisation won an award in 2024 or 2025, they are **not** eligible to be nominated for the same category in 2026.

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 2024 – 2025.
- Demonstrated growth in procurement spend (direct or indirect) with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers over the 2024 – 2025 calendar years. Federal Government members will be verified against Slice of Pie, all other members will be verified against SpendTracker.
- 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 nominee.

1. Tell us about the nominee's business, department or agency. **100 words max.**
2. How long has the nominee been a Supply Nation member?
3. Tell us about the nominee's journey and how this has inspired them to work with Indigenous businesses. **100 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 demonstrated impacts on the Indigenous business sector over the 2024 – 2025 calendar years. **200 words max.**
2. What are some of the outcomes from this policy, project or initiative? (direct / indirect spend; capability or capacity building) **200 words max.**
3. What does the nominee expect the future impacts to be? (direct / indirect spend; capability or capacity building) **200 words max.**
4. What steps did the nominee take to engage with Indigenous communities and businesses in the development or implementation of this initiative? **150 words max.**
5. How has the nominee measured the success of the initiative in terms of its impact on the Indigenous business sector? **200 words max.**
6. What is the value of contracts the nominee had with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers in the 2025 calendar year?
7. What is the value of contracts the nominee had with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers in the 2024 calendar year?
8. What is the percentage increase in the value of contracts the nominee had with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers between the 2024 – 2025 calendar years?
9. What percentage of the nominee's overall procurement spend was with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers in 2025?
10. What percentage of the nominee's overall procurement spend was with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers in 2024?
11. What is the percentage increase in the nominee's overall procurement spend with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers between the 2024 to 2025 calendar years?

12. What strategies or actions has the nominee implemented to encourage growth in procurement spend with Indigenous suppliers over the 2024 – 2025 calendar years? **100 words max.**
13. (Optional) Does the nominee have public targets for Indigenous procurement spend? (If yes, include progress to date and provide details in any of the nominee's published documents, does it detail its Indigenous procurement target, and did it achieve it?) **150 words max.**

Upload Attachments

As part of this nomination, you must attach the files listed below. The maximum size is 5MB per file. The content you choose to upload will be used if the nominee is selected as a finalist.

1. Between one and four photos of the nominee and / or their team (high-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape).
2. High-resolution business logos:
 - Full colour **and** black and white versions
 - Horizontal and vertical / stacked options
 - Preferred file type: vector (.ai or .eps), also accepted: .png, .jpg

Good Luck

Nominations close at **11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 22 March 2026**. 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 2026 Gala Awards Dinner on Wednesday 12 August at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Whadjuk Land. To stay up to date with announcements, visit the [Connect website](#) and follow our social channels.

If you have any questions, contact us at connect@supplynation.org.au.