



Supplier Diversity Advocate 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 an individual from a member organisation or Indigenous business (including sole traders) who has driven supplier diversity growth and development within their organisation and/ or the Indigenous business sector.

The winner will have:

- Led their organisation and / or the wider sector as a champion of supplier diversity, working to develop and strengthen networks to support supplier diversity both internally and externally
- Demonstrated outcomes in supplier diversity over the last two calendar years (2021 – 2022)
- Influenced, developed and / or implemented procurement guidelines and / or strategies to ensure that supplier diversity programs are sustainably embedded within their own or other organisations
- 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 you / your organisation.

1. Briefly describe what your organisation does. **150 words max.**
2. Name of the nominee, the phonetic pronunciation of the nominee's name, the nominee's role within the organisation, the pronouns used or preferred by the nominee, and the professional bio of the nominee.
3. How long has the nominee been in their current role?
4. (Optional) Briefly describe any past relevant positions which demonstrate the nominee's commitment to supplier diversity. **150 words max**
5. Please include a brief description that outlines your business / organisation's achievements in relation to this award category. **75 words max.**
6. In what ways do you think First Nations businesses are unique? **50 words max.**
7. 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. How does the nominee incorporate supplier diversity within their role? **300 words max.**
2. Give examples of supplier diversity advocacy above and beyond the nominee's core role. **500 words max.**
3. How have your actions increased opportunities for Supply Nation Indigenous businesses to win work? Provide metrics if available. **300 words max.**
4. What are the three most important/ successful actions you have taken over the last two calendar years that have positively impacted the sector; and what were their outcomes? **300 words max.**
5. What specific actions has the nominee taken to influence supplier diversity within your organisation and / or the wider sector and what were the outcomes? **300 words max.**
6. What were the challenges in the implementation of the above and how did you overcome them? **300 words max.**
7. Give examples of how the nominee engaged with and supported Supply Nation, its members and Indigenous businesses in 2021 and / or 2022. **250 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 the nominee and / or their team. (High-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape.)
2. A logo of the nominee's 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.