



Supply Nation

Supplier Diversity Partnership 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 two businesses (Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers [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 winners will have:

- Developed a successful venture with demonstrated growth for the partnership and / or both parties and / or the Indigenous business sector.
- Demonstrated shared goals, risk and vision between the parties.
- Set 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 nominee(s).

1. Name of Indigenous supplier (The Indigenous supplier that forms this partnership)
2. Description of Indigenous supplier. (Include what it does, its vision and key goals or objectives) **100 words max.**
3. Name of member (The corporate, government or NFP member business that forms this partnership)
4. Description of member (Include what it does, its vision and key goals or objectives) **100 words max.**
5. Provide a brief history of the partnership. (What was the catalyst to form the partnership, what were each party trying to achieve, and what were the major milestones of the partnership?) **200 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. Provide specific examples of how the venture has demonstrated success, both within the partnership and the Indigenous business sector? **200 words max.**
2. How do both nominees align their goals and vision for the future? (Share an example of how this alignment could result in tangible success) **200 words max.**
3. What challenges did the partnership have to overcome to achieve success? **200 words max.**
4. What steps were taken to establish a strong partnership, and how have both parties benefitted from this collaboration? **150 words max.**
5. How do the nominees share risk? (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? **200 words max.**
8. How has the venture contributed to the capacity-building of any Indigenous businesses involved and / or other Indigenous businesses in the sector? **200 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 partnership (high-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape).
2. High-resolution logos of both businesses:
 - 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.