

SOLICITATION FOR NOMINATIONS:

Chief Acquisition Officers Council 2015 Acquisition Excellence Award Nominations

As part of our effort to recognize acquisition professionals who contribute to outstanding improvements in acquisition throughout the federal government, the Chief Acquisition Officers Council is seeking nominations for the 2015 Acquisition Excellence Awards. Nominations are being solicited for federal employees engaged in team or individual activities that led to excellent results in any of the following three acquisition categories in FY 2014:

Category 1 – Agile – Changed a waterfall approach into an agile approach for a software acquisition that demonstrated active user involvement, risk management, cost controls, and incremental releases. Customers have demonstrated satisfaction with the evolving product.

Category 2 – Innovation – Developed an innovative solution for acquisition. This innovative solution can be in any acquisition area, such as developing a challenge to obtain an innovative solution to a requirement, developing an innovative acquisition process to get the best solution, utilizing strategies from the TechFAR handbook or the Digital Services Playbook that resulted in an innovative solution, or developing innovation in acquisition training for the workforce, among others.

Category 3 – Program Management – Demonstrated programmatic excellence and success in applying resources and innovative processes to deliver capabilities. The program should have used innovative methods to manage risk successfully.

One individual and one team award will be given – the award can be in any of the three categories.

Nomination packages will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) Criterion #1 – Results – the team or individual demonstrated results that exceeded original expectations.
- b) Criterion #2 – Impact – The impact of the effort was substantial and provided significant value to the agency and/or other beneficiaries.

The awards will be presented at Acquisition Excellence in Washington, DC.

We will be using a two-step process that allows for a streamlined initial nomination. These initial nominations are being accepted through January 20, 2015. To nominate an individual or team, please provide the following:

- Organization name, nominee's name(s), title(s), email address(es), phone number(s)
- Name, e-mail address, and phone number of the nominee(s)' direct supervisor
- Short description of the effort (limited to 300 words), focusing on results and impact
- Cost savings or other metrics demonstrating results (submission must include quantifiable results)
- Your name, title, organization name, e-mail address and phone number

Nominations will be judged as follows:

- Step 1: The initial nominations will be judged by a panel of senior acquisition professionals.
- Step 2: If your submission is selected as one of the top 3 individual or team submissions, you will be asked to provide more detailed information on the nomination for the Senior Procurement Executive judges who will select the winners.

Please submit nominations online at www.fai.gov. Nominees may be asked to prepare a case study on their efforts.

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Chief Acquisition Officers Council 2014 Small Business Excellence Award Nomination

As part of our effort to recognize acquisition professionals who contribute to outstanding improvements in acquisition throughout the federal government, the Chief Acquisition Officers Council is seeking nominations for the 2015 Small Business Excellence Award. Nominations are being solicited for federal employees engaged in activities that led to excellent results in either of the following two acquisition categories in FY 2014:

Category 1 – Effective collaboration – Individuals or teams engaged in collaboration between their Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), the program management office, and the contracting officer /specialist that led to awards that were successful from both a small business and an acquisition perspective in FY2014.

Category 2 – Maximize opportunity - Individuals or teams that maximized opportunities for small business under the simplified acquisition threshold and/or increased small business utilization under multiple award contracts by using the authority to set-aside orders (see FAR 19.502-4).

Nomination packages will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) **Criterion #1 – Results –** the team or individual demonstrated results that exceeded original expectations.
- b) **Criterion #2 – Impact –** The impact of the effort was substantial and provided significant value to the agency and/or other beneficiaries.

The award will be presented at “Acquisition Excellence 2015” in Washington, D.C. in March, 2015.

We will be using a two-step process that allows for a streamlined initial nomination. These nominations are being accepted through January 20, 2015. To nominate an individual or team, please provide the following:

- Organization name, nominee’s name(s), title(s), email address(es), phone number(s)
- Name, e-mail address, and phone number of the nominee(s)’ direct supervisor
- Description of the effort (limited to 300 words), focusing on results and impact
- Metrics demonstrating results (submission must include quantifiable results)
- Your name, title, organization name, e-mail address and phone number

- Nominations will be judged using a two-step process:
 - Step 1: The nominations will be judged by a panel of senior small business professionals.
 - Step 2: You will be contacted if your submission is selected as one of the top 3 individual or team submissions and you will be asked to provide more detailed information on the nomination for the OSDBU Director judges who will select the winners.