



State Excellence Award

NOMINATION FORM

Award Name:

State Excellence Award

Description:

The State Excellence Award honors a state for a workforce related program, project, or initiative, which addresses an issue or challenge, and results in significant improvement of service or performance.

Criteria:

1. The program, project, or initiative should be innovative, a new way to address an issue or challenge, or results in significant improvement of service or performance. Changes in existing programs, projects or initiatives, which result in significant improvement of services or performance, is acceptable.

2. The State:

- must be named as the nominee of the award;
- may recognize specific individuals within the nomination, such as, but not limited to: the governor, state board member, senator, representative, chief elected official, mayor, state administrator, state staff member(s), business owner or representative, bargaining-unit representative, or target group advocacy representative;
- must demonstrate the program, project or initiative was innovative, a new way to address an issue or challenge, or results in significant improvement in services or performance;
- may demonstrate a change in existing programs, projects, or initiatives, which result in significant improvement of services or performance;
- should demonstrate the program, project or initiative involves collaboration with other groups, other agencies, businesses, workforce system partners, etc., and
- should show it "raised the bar" or "pushed the envelope" - expectations were beyond the normal level of achievement or performance.

3. The nomination must:

- **be submitted by 5 pm EST, July 24, 2019;**
- contain a completed Award nomination form;
- contain the answer to the questions listed on the State Excellence Award award nomination form within the prescribed word limit;
- include a statement of approval from the agency administrator; and,
- be the single nomination for that state for the State Excellence award.

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