



New York State
Honors Employers during
National Disability Employment Awareness Month



- October 2008 -

NOMINATION FOR EMPLOYER RECOGNITION

Nominee Data

NOMINEE'S BUSINESS OR CORPORATE NAME
(If nominee is an individual, include title, such as Mr., Ms., Dr.)

STREET ADDRESS (As appropriate, include building name, room or suite number, or mail stop)

COUNTY, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE plus ZIP4

CONTACT PERSON FOR NOMINEE AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NUMBER FACSIMILE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

****required** FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER - **This is a nine-digit number.**
It must be included for the nomination to be reviewed and considered.

Nominator Information

PERSON SUBMITTING THIS NOMINATION:

ORGANIZATION:

AREA CODE & TELEPHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DATE:

Nomination Categories (Check only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer with 500 or more employees
<u>Working at Site</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer with 100 to 499 employees
<u>Working at Site</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer with 25 to 99 employees
<u>Working at Site</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer with 24 or fewer employees
<u>Working at Site</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur with a disability |
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Selection Criteria

The selection criteria below are based on:

- Local review by a variety of teams made up of VESID, CBVH, NYS Department of Labor, Empire State Development, and other partners. This local review identifies local winners and screens nominations for regional awards and forwarding to the statewide committee.
- The Statewide committee is made up of members from CBVH, NYSCQC, NYSDOL, NYSDDED and VESID. The statewide committee identifies one statewide winner in each category. These winners receive a signed certificate from the Governor and the Chancellor of the Board of Regents.

The Statewide committee evaluates the nominations based on the nomination form and the NARRATIVE that is part of the form. The NARRATIVE you submit will be evaluated by the above committee according to the guidelines laid out below. (Justifying information must be typed and attached to the nomination.)

- Superior nomination (score of 3) - the narrative is written far above minimum standards and provides clear, detailed and compelling information to support the nomination
- Strong nomination (score of 2) - the narrative provides clear information to support the nomination
- Adequate nomination (score of 1) - the narrative provides information regarding why the nomination is being made, but may be missing facts needed to make a clear judgment

The Write Up Must Clearly Include and Define the Following Information:

- 1) Clearly articulates the relationship between the nominator and nominee.
- 2) Clearly articulates the timeframe of that relationship whatever it might be.
- 3) Clearly articulates the action or actions taken by the nominee that separates them from other employers in your region. These actions could be, but are not limited to:
 - proactively recruiting individuals with disabilities for employment
 - proactive involvement with job clubs/job fairs/placement consortiums/publicly endorsing and advocating fellow business owners to see the value of recruitment, retention, and promotion of individuals with disabilities
 - providing internships, mentoring opportunities or training for adults or transitioning students that are customized to meet the individuals and business need
 - developing proactive accessible diversity programs and settings for screening and hiring persons with disabilities
 - unique and or "out of the box" methods of recruitment of youth, younger workers, ex-offenders, most significantly disabled, etc.
 - ENTREPRENEURS ONLY – Individuals with a disability who have achieved demonstrated success in their chosen career field

****[This list is not meant to be a complete listing of the activity, only a guideline.](#)****
- 4) Clearly articulates the number of employees hired by the entity nominated and any promotions which occurred. Even if it is only one individual that was hard to place, the nomination clearly articulates how this employer went **above and beyond** others to make the employment outcome work.

Please note: It is not the length of the narrative that gets evaluated...it is the quality of the descriptor that provides insight into what action or actions the nominee did, continues to do or what outreach they have made to encourage others to expand their vision for employment of persons with disabilities. The narrative develops the significance of the claim. Uses insightful textual support that indicates the action taken and makes compelling coherent argument to support the claim(s).

Nominations must be submitted by COB June 13, 2008 to your local designated VESID contact below:

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