

BEST OF THE BEST

NATIONAL BUSINESS INCLUSION CONSORTIUM
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Leadership Network

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Application Process

The application consists of a brief questionnaire, a three-five page written statement and the opportunity to upload additional supporting documentation. All applications must be submitted via this portal and received no later than close of business on March 7 to be considered. This online application will allow you to save your progress and return to complete your submission at a later date.

TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT

www.nglcc.org/apply

Applications must be received by March 7, 2017

Only applications submitted via the online
portal will be considered.

Additional Opportunities for Recognition

PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

The NBIC will also honor an individual program or initiative. Applicants wishing to be considered for this recognition should opt-in during the online application process and upload detailed information on the specific program. Programs may focus on one-diverse segment.

CORPORATION OF THE YEAR

The NBIC will designate one company from the list of Best-of-the-Best honorees as Corporation of the Year. This first among equals designation is intended to shine a light on the important work of diversity and inclusion by highlighting the specific programs and successes of an individual company.

2017 Best-of-the-Best Corporation for Inclusion

Uniting the nation's leading business diversity organizations, the Best-of-the-Best awards recognize outstanding achievement in promoting cross-segment diversity and inclusion. Only companies achieving industry leading results across all diverse segments are eligible to receive the prestigious Best-of-the-Best designation from the National Business Inclusion Consortium (NBIC).

Criteria required to be named a Best-of-the-Best corporation includes: the completion of a detailed survey of an organization's inclusive programs, which may involve Supplier Diversity initiatives, Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and workplace engagement opportunities, and diverse marketplace and community engagements. Additionally, a detailed report of policies and achievements in the diversity and inclusion space—along with recognition or ratings such as the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index, the U.S. Business Leadership Network's Disability Equality Index, or Diversity Inc.'s Top 50—is weighted and reviewed by a committee of NBIC leaders.

WRITTEN STATEMENT

Your company's written statement should be three–five pages and should discuss why your company should be recognized by the NBIC as a Best-of-the-Best company for diversity and inclusion. Please give special attention to Supplier Diversity, Internal Workforce and External or Market engagements. The NBIC encourages applicants to give specific examples of activities and programs that have been implemented to demonstrate your company's diversity and inclusion initiatives across all diverse segments. Applicants are encouraged to include awards, recognition or ratings from other organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index, the USBLN Disability Equality Index, Diversity Inc.'s Top 50. Applicants are also encouraged to share specific data when available (i.e. erg membership numbers, diverse spend, board diversity etc.) in their written statements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants may also provide supporting documents relevant to their applications, such as specific diversity policies, statements, press releases, news articles, previous awards, marketing collateral and/or letters of reference directly relating to your written statement. Please consolidate all supporting documentation into one file.

No more than 40 companies will receive the exclusive Best-of-the-Best Corporation for Inclusion designation in 2017.

"The Best-of-the-Best designation is the top corporate honor bestowed for commitments to America's diverse employees and business owners, which includes LGBT, people of color, women, and people with disabilities. This designation is not easily earned, making it all the more prized. By recognizing these industry leaders and the policymakers who collaborate with them as the Best-of-the-Best, we are creating a better future for all diverse communities in business. Together we reaffirm our common, ongoing mission to improve business inclusion among Fortune 500 corporations and government agencies nationwide."

– Justin Nelson, NGLCC Co-founder and President

For more information, please email corporaterelations@nglcc.org or visit nglcc.org/apply.