



****SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS****

The US India Chamber of Commerce DFW invites you to nominate businesses in the following four categories who meet the criteria listed under each category. Please complete the nomination forum and submit the completed package electronically to info@usicoc.org by close of business on **SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**. Only completed nomination packets will be accepted.

1. Emerging Women-Owned Business of the Year

- Certified woman-owned business (Certified through Women's Business Council, State Comptroller, SBA, Minority Supplier Development Council, NCTRCA, or state-wide or nationally accredited certifying agency)
- Owner and business headquarters must reside in the following north Texas counties: Collin, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant
- Business has been in existence for 5 years or less (FY 2012-2017)
- Small Business Owner is available to attend the Small Business Forum on October 4, 2017 at noon

2. Diverse Small Business Supplier of the Year Award

- Certified minority-owned business (Certified through Women's Business Council, State Comptroller, SBA, Minority Supplier Development Council, NCTRCA, or state-wide or nationally accredited certifying agency)
- Owner and business headquarters must reside in the following north Texas counties: Collin, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant
- Small Business Owner is available to attend the Small Business Forum on October 4, 2017 at noon

3. Generation X, Y, Z or Millennial Business Owner

- Business owner belongs to the Generations X, Y, Z or is considered a millennial
- Small Business Owner and Business headquarters must reside in the following north Texas counties: Collin, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant
- Small Business Owner is available to attend the Small Business Forum on October 4, 2017 at noon

4. Most Innovative Small Business

- Small business has an innovative product or an innovative approach which they bring to the market
- Owner and business headquarters must reside in the following north Texas counties: Collin, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant
- Small Business Owner is available to attend the Small Business Forum on October 4, 2017 at noon

About the Governor's Small Business Forum and the US India Chamber of Commerce

The US India Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this year's Governor's Small Business Forum in conjunction with Governor Abbott, the Texas Workforce Commission and Texas Economic Development. The forum is a full day event featuring speakers including successful small business owners, representatives from government agencies, and others who will share valuable information to inspire and support small business owners and small businesses.

The US India Chamber of Commerce DFW is a local 501(c)(6) chamber of commerce that supports professional, business and economic development in North Texas. Additionally, the Chamber promotes and facilitates trade with India. To learn more about the US India Chamber of Commerce DFW, please visit www.usicoc.org.



**GOVERNOR'S SMALL BUSINESS FORUM
NOMINATION FORM**

Please complete all fields and email to info@usicoc.org by Monday, September 18, 2017.

NOTE: If any information is incomplete or if the submission is received after September 18, 2017, the nomination will not be considered.

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Phone:

Nominator's Address:

Nominator's Email Address:

Relation to the Nominee (Vendor, Client, Business Partner, etc.):

Nominee's Name:

Nominee's Phone:

Nominee's Business Address:

Nominee's Email Address:

Nominee's Company Website (URL):

Year of incorporation with Texas Secretary of State:

Texas Secretary of State Filing Number:

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)/Tax ID Number:

Award category for which you are nominating the nominee (Check all that apply):

- ☐ ***Emerging Women-Owned Business of the Year***
- ☐ ***Diverse Supplier of the Year Award***
- ☐ ***Generation X, Y, Z or Millennial Business Owner***
- ☐ ***Most Innovative Small Business***

Is the nominated business a certified minority/woman owned business? (Must be completed for the following categories: Emerging Woman-Owned Business of the Year and Diverse Supplier of the Year)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Certifying Agency: | Certification Number: | Certification Date: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

***Attach a copy of the minority or small business certification to this nomination**

Why do you believe that this individual is deserving of this award? Please be specific and attach any relevant documents that you believe will help the Chamber in evaluating your nomination?

(Continue answer on a separate page, if necessary.)