

2018 SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INDUSTRY AWARDS

"Engaged Business, Thriving Community"

Award Categories

**Excellence
in Exports**

**Industry
Innovators**

**Partners in
Progress**

**Sustainable
Sumter**

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE OR APPLY IS MARCH 16, 2018



2018 Industry Awards – Excellence in Exports

Applications due March 16, 2018

Nominations will be received in four categories, including ***Excellence in Exports, Industry Innovators, Sustainable Sumter, and Partners in Progress***. Companies may apply to more than one award category, and please attach support materials as needed.

Company: _____

Company must meet a minimum requirement of having been in business in Sumter County for two years.

Type of Production or Service: _____

President/CEO/Local Manager: _____ Title: _____

Contact Person (if different from above): _____ Title: _____

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Excellence in Exports

Today's companies must compete at a larger scale than ever before, exporting product to various markets. In our current global economy, industries should be able to demonstrate Excellence in Exports by submitting the following information to the Sumter County Payroll Development Authority:

- Company's primary trade area(s)
- Current global exports; and global exports over the previous two years of production
- Annual percentage of export sales compared to total sales over the past two years
- Use of federal and/or state export assistance programs
- Use of Export-Import bank services

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

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2018 Industry Awards – Industry Innovators

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Industry Innovators

Industry Innovators value the highest standards of performance and innovation as demonstrated by the criteria provided below. Please describe areas in which your company fulfills this commitment:

- Professional development and workforce training
- Creativity and flexibility within the workplace, innovative human resource practices, and integration of the digital economy
- Commitment to and implementation of environmental best practices, such as clean energy programs, etc.
- Innovation through the development of new technologies, corporate policies and workplace practices
- Additional recognition or awards by peer companies or organizations (please list)

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Sustainable Sumter

Local economies thrive, grow and are sustained based on the viability of the workforce and the industries that employ them. Please demonstrate your company's dedication to ensuring a Sustainable Sumter economy, as described by the criteria below:

- Company longevity, as defined by the number of years in operation in Sumter County
- Number of employees and average wages
- Estimated economic impact in Sumter County
- Recent expansions (within the last 2 years) to include job growth, capital investments, and infrastructure improvements (please provide numbers and estimated value to both company and economy)
- Improved sales growth and/or new product lines within the last two years

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2018 Industry Awards – Partners in Progress

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Partners in Progress

The Sumter County Payroll Development Authority is committed to the improvement of Sumter County, including its greatest asset—it's people. Partners in Progress reflect those same values as indicated by their dedicated service, community volunteerism and investment in both people and programs that foster a greater sense of purpose and opportunity in Sumter County. Please describe your company's involvement in the following:

- Involvement in civic clubs, service organizations, and related activities
- Corporate practices that encourage civic engagement and volunteerism
- Estimated number of annual employee volunteer hours
- Financial contributions to community and service projects
- Corporate commitment to Sumter County's youth and youth development programs (Boys & Girls Club, mentoring programs, school volunteers, Chamber Champions, equipment donations, etc.)
- Participation in any additional programs that: support healthy-lifestyles, promote domestic safety, raise awareness of those living in poverty, provide assistance to Seniors or shut-ins in need, etc.

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