



2015 Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards nomination form

To nominate a deserving company, complete the information below.

Nomination forms must be accompanied with supporting documentation to be considered. Please answer each question with as much detail as possible so the reviewers can determine whether the examples given support the GBC objectives for the Bridging the Gap program.

Complete the form [online](#) or mail it and supporting documentation to: [Candace Dodson-Reed](#), Vice President, Greater Baltimore Committee, 111 South Calvert St., Suite 1700, Baltimore, MD 21202.

1. Information about the person making the nomination:

Individual's name: _____

Business name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship, if any, to the business being nominated: _____

2. Information about the nominee:

This is a nomination for (select one):

- _____ A successful minority-owned business
- _____ A partnership/strategic alliance that includes minority businesses
- _____ A majority-owned business demonstrating inclusive business practices
- _____ President's Award

If the nominee is a minority-owned business, is the majority owner of the company:

- _____ An individual of color
- _____ A woman

CEO name: _____

Company name: _____

Contact person (if different than the CEO): _____

Principal business address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Estimated annual revenues of company: _____ Number of employees: _____

Number of years the company has been in business (must be at least two years): _____

If a partnership or alliance, name of partnership or alliance names of businesses comprising partnership/strategic alliance: _____

3. Identify the reason(s) why this business or partnership is being nominated.

Your reason(s) should provide substantive and meaningful discussion(s) of how the business or partner has made an impact for the minority- or women-owned business or within the minority- or women-owned business community (whichever applies).

Also provide the situation, the difference made and how that difference will be enduring for the minority- or women-owned community in the future.

Describe all innovations.

4. Make the case for why this business or CEO deserves recognition. Provide specific metrics (proof points).

For minority- or women-owned business: *Provide examples or describe accomplishments compared with industry norms, leadership exhibited, obstacles overcome, unique business strategies employed, etc. that make the minority- or women-owned business a success worthy of recognition.*

For a majority-owned company or CEO: *Provide examples or describe what this company or individual has done to help bridge the gap (e.g., reached out to and performed significant business with minority- or women-owned businesses, began or strengthened existing supplier diversity programs, etc.) and the positive impact the majority company has had on the success or growth of minority or women business(es).*

For partnerships or strategic alliances: *Describe it, its objectives and the benefits/accomplishments derived from participation of the majority- and minority- or women-owned business partners.*

For the President's Award: *Describe the work the individual has done to advocate for the advancement of minority- and women-owned businesses in the Greater Baltimore region.*

5. Attach relevant materials or information.