

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

*15th Annual Celebration of
Excellence in Employment!*



DEADLINE: Thursday, May 23, 2018

NYSID is calling for nominations for its annual Joslin Award, which celebrates exceptional job performance and personal growth by individuals with disabilities employed on NYSID Preferred Source contracts.

Who will be your agency's 2018 Joslin Award Nominee?

NYSID's Joslin Outstanding Performance Awards Program was established in 2004 to honor the contributions of William B. Joslin, former CEO of Human Technologies Corporation and NYSID Board Member, in support of greater employment opportunities for New Yorkers with disabilities.

More than 700 individuals have been honored for their outstanding Preferred Source job performance since 2004, furthering NYSID'S mission of:

***"Advancing employment and other opportunities
for individuals with disabilities."***



2018 AWARD GUIDELINES:

- Nominee must be an individual currently or recently employed on a NYSID contract for products or services. Full-time work is not required, although the nominee **must have worked consistently over the 12 months prior to May 31, 2018.**
- Nominee must be employed by a contract-holding NYSID member/corporate partner in good standing.
- The nomination may be made by either the individual's member agency or the corporate partner associated with the contract.
- A prior awardee is eligible to be re-nominated after five years.
- **All nominees are named Joslin Outstanding Performers, awarded a \$500 prize** and certificate of recognition, included in a 2018 Joslin yearbook, and profiled in other NYSID media.

Two Outstanding Performers (Services, Products) will be selected for the
William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award

These Awards will be presented at NYSID's Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 and consist of a **\$1,000 cash prize**, commemorative plaque and video profile. Award winners and an immediate family member will be guests of NYSID at this event. See "Final Award Selection" on page 4 for more information.

FINAL AWARD SELECTION:

The Joslin Awards Committee will select the recipients of the William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award using these criteria:

- ~ **Outstanding job performance** for a minimum of 12 months on NYSID contract assignments
- ~ **Success at employment**, including skills acquisition and new assignments
- ~ **Personal success**, such as role modeling, increased independence and community involvement
- ~ **Quality of nomination requirements**
- ~ **Additional supporting documents**

The final award recipients will be announced prior to NYSID's Annual Meeting on NYSID's website and through other communications.

Award recipients and the employing member agency/corporate partner will be publicized in NYSID media throughout the year in support of the importance of Preferred Source employment.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Completed Nomination Form/Interview** (attached), with all signatures.
2. **Descriptive narrative** of the individual's challenges and accomplishments; how NYSID Preferred Source work has impacted them; how recognition makes them feel.
3. **Photograph** of the individual suitable for reproduction in the annual booklet. Please note photo quality requirements on page 3 of the Nomination Form.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF NOMINEE:

1. Inter-agency recognition throughout employment, such as an "Employee of the Month" award or other evidence of achievement.
2. Supporting letter(s) of commendation, featuring statements from supervisors and team members and/or customer.
3. Personal letter from the nominee OR letter from a parent or guardian (for those who do not self-advocate), which details the importance of employment from the family's perspective (growth as a person, financial independence, etc.).

Be sure to persuasively describe your nominee's commitment to employment:

- Overall work quality, attitude, enthusiasm, consistency, reliability, and conscientiousness
- Notable examples of improvements in behavior, productivity, individual growth, and development
- Willingness and enthusiasm to learn new skills and assume more responsibility to increase current job performance and strive for new employment horizons
- Positive relationships with team members, supervisors and customers

PLEASE NOTE:

- ~ Your agency is responsible for obtaining all permissions and releases from the nominee and/or his/her family or guardian(s) for documents and photos submitted to NYSID.
- ~ Award letters, certificates and checks will be provided to the member agency or corporate partner by NYSID for presentation to Outstanding Performers in mid-September 2018.
- ~ Your agency is strongly encouraged to hold a local award presentation for your nominee or to incorporate their recognition at an appropriate agency/organization event. NYSID staff is available to participate in these events. **This is especially noteworthy during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October 2018!**

2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- **Nominations due Thursday, May 23, 2018**
- Winners notified in late July 2018
- Recognition certificates and \$500 cash prizes for nominated Outstanding Performers mailed mid September 2018
- Joslin Awards and \$1,000 prizes presented at the NYSID Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018

2018 Joslin Award information is also available at
www.nysid.org

Questions on eligibility, nominations, selection, or any other matters
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