

TECHNOLOGY FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS (TWIB) AWARDS

CALLING FOR 2009 NOMINATIONS

Since 1998 the Technology for Women in business (TWIB) an initiative of the dti has given hundreds of women the opportunity to apply technology to support and grow their businesses. This has largely contributed towards mainstreaming women's businesses within the broader SA economy.

TWIB is calling for the 2009 Awards nominations. South Africans are invited to nominate women entrepreneurs who systematically use technological innovation and creative know-how for business growth and positive economic impact on the broader economy. These should be in the following three categories:

- Large companies
- Small to Medium companies
- Micro / Emerging companies and Projects

These nominations should be made from 1 April – 31 August 2009. A panel of distinguished male and female adjudicators will assess all applications. First assessment is done through short listing of suitable candidates followed by on-site visits to the businesses.

Nominations can be made by either filling-in this entry form and / or contacting the TWIB Awards office at 011-339 5214. Application forms can also be downloaded from the dti website www.thedti.gov.za.

To be able to enter for these prestigious awards, the following is required:

CRITERIA FOR ENTERING

The nominee's enterprise:

- must be owned by a South African citizen
- must be a formally registered company and have been existing three years or more
- must be 60% owned by women

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach:

- your CV
- Proof of profitability / financial statements
- Proof of company registration and ownership certificate
- Tax clearance certificate
- Copy of identity document / proof of citizenship



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REQUIRED BUSINESS INFORMATION

Name of business: _____

Company registration number: _____

Province _____

City/Town/Village _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Name of contact person: _____

Position of person: _____

Physical address: _____

_____ Code _____

Postal address: _____

_____ Code _____

Province: _____

Contact numbers:

(w) _____ (h) _____

(c) _____ (fax) _____

Email: _____

Website _____

MOTIVATION FOR ENTERING

Please indicate the category of your business (a: large, b: Small to Medium and c: Micro/Emerging)

A	B	C
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Please provide your business profile with emphasis on the areas mentioned below (submit the sheet with nomination forms):

1. When and how was the business started?
2. Describe the technology currently used and/or developed by the enterprise and how the technology is used to produce an end-product and/or how it improves business performance to produce profit
3. Outline the enterprise's business growth plan for the next three years.
4. Give the details of the business development support you have received to date, if any.
5. Are you a member of any business association? (If not, tell us about any that you are aware of.)
6. Give details of number of people employed full time and the asset value of the company together with confirmation that the business is profitable.

REFERENCE

Please provide contact names and telephone numbers of three suppliers and / or customers who can be reached for verification:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please send the completed nomination form to:

TWIB Awards 2009
PO Box 28331
SUNNYSIDE
0132

OR

Fax to TWIB Awards
011 339 3182

OR

TWIB Awards
011 339 5214

For general enquiries contact:
the dti Call Centre
086 843 384

Nominations close on Monday 31, August, 2009.

It is very important that nomination forms are correctly filled-in and accompanied by a business profile, to help the committee during the evaluation process.

Prizes Range from ICT business solutions, hard and software products, as well as entrepreneurial business support to the maximum value of R480 000.

Conditions for Entering,

All nominations received before the closing date will be considered

- Nomination forms must be correctly filled-in with as much details as possible.
- Short listed and potential finalists will be visited by members of the adjudication team.
- Finalists will be interviewed and featured in the media
- Finalists will attend the final judging process, the annual conference and the awards ceremony scheduled to take place in November 2009
- The decision of the selection committee and judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Winners must be willing to serve as TWIB Programme Ambassadors for a year.

Winners will be officially announced in November 2009 at the TWIB Awards Gala Dinner to be held in Durban Kwa-Zulu Natal.

