



BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 2016 Governor's Awards Nominations

FROM: Board of Vocational Rehabilitation

DATE: March 31, 2016

The Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), working with the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), is asking for your assistance in gathering nominations for the 2016 Governor's Awards.

We hope that you will consider nominating individuals and employers for the awards, as well as help circulate the enclosed nomination forms to others (i.e., people in your office, board and organizational members), and encourage them to make nominations of those deserving recognition.

The five nomination categories are:

1. Distinguished Service
2. Outstanding Citizen with a Disability
3. Outstanding Employee with a Disability
4. Outstanding Employer of the Year (3 categories)
 - a. Small Private Employer; less than 50 employees (non-governmental)
 - b. Large Private Employer; more than 50 employees (non-governmental)
 - c. Public Employer of any size (local, county, state or federal government entity, school district, university)
5. Outstanding Transition Services

We hope to provide notice to recipients and nominators by the end of June. The date of the awards ceremony is coordinated with the Governor's office based upon his availability. Dates of the previous awards ceremonies have been held late summer or early fall.

Thank you for supporting this awards program, which recognizes South Dakotans for their contributions to the employment of people with disabilities. If you have any questions, please contact Board staff at 605.945.2207 or 1-800.210.0143.

2016 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

1. Any interested individual, agency or organization may submit nominations.
2. Nomination forms are available from the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) by calling 945-2207 or 1-800-210-0143, or by visiting the Department of Human Services home page. Go to: <http://dhs.sd.gov/>.
3. Nominations should be typed or legibly printed and complete. Nomination forms may be photocopied. All supporting materials should be copied or reproduced on 8 ½ X 11" paper. Video or audiotapes, and faxed copies will not be accepted.
4. Nominations must be postmarked by Friday, April 29th, 2016.
5. Members of the BVR, BSBVI, and SILC will review the nominations and forward their recommendations to the Governor for final action.
6. If assistance is needed in completing the nomination(s), please call BVR staff at 1-800-210-0143.
7. Please submit nominations to:

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