

**2010 DOWD AWARD  
NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN!**



Do you have a colleague who has gone to extraordinary lengths to provide prisoner reentry assistance? Or, do you know someone who has developed a program or project that delivers innovative and effective offender workforce development services?

Maybe a faith-based or community-based organization that has demonstrated leadership in the field of offender workforce development? How about a person who has successfully promoted local, state, or Federal legislation which maximized employment outcomes for persons with criminal convictions? If yes, please nominate that person or organization for a DOWD award!

The Defendant/Offender Workforce Development (DOWD) Awards Committee announces the start of the nomination process for the 2010 DOWD National Awards. The Awards will be presented in April at the 2010 DOWD Conference in Dallas (TX).

All nominations are considered. Planning Committee members and conference sponsors are ineligible for receiving and recommending nominations.

The DOWD Awards Committee will use the following criteria to select recipients of each award:

**1. Outstanding DOWD National Commitment Award**

To recognize outstanding leaders and/organizations on a **NATIONAL** basis who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the DOWD initiative and have successfully promoted programs, practices, policies or legislation that improve the long-term employment prospects of persons with criminal convictions.

**2. Outstanding DOWD State or Local Commitment Award**

To recognize outstanding leaders and/organizations on a **STATE** or **LOCAL** basis who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the DOWD initiative and have successfully promoted programs, practices, policies or legislation that improve the long-term employment prospects of persons with criminal convictions.

**3. Migdalia “Miggie” Baerga ORGANIZATIONAL award:**

To recognize a faith-based or community-based **organization** that have promoted offender workforce development through partnerships with local, state, or federal agency, delivered effective support & other related services; and advocated for policies and practices that supported successful reentry.

#### **4. OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP in Offender Workforce Development**

To recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership in creating and promoting innovative offender workforce development partnerships, programs, policies, practices, and/or legislative initiatives.

#### **5. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT to Offender Workforce Development**

To recognize organizations that have developed and initiated correctional industry and/or correctional education programs that assist with successful transition into the community. These may include innovative training and apprenticeship programming in high demand industries.

#### **6. Outstanding NATIONAL Business of the Year**

#### **7. Outstanding STATE or LOCAL Business of the Year**

To recognize national, state or local businesses and/or employers who have provided training and/or employment opportunities to persons with criminal backgrounds. These trainings and employment opportunities have increased prospects for successful reintegration to society.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

To nominate a colleague please submit packet to include **(Not exceeding six one-sided pages)**:

1. Letter of nomination (no more than one page),
2. Nominee's resume, bio or vita (no more than two pages); for organizations please send a summary (no more than two pages) regarding the success of your organization.
3. Any supporting documents (not to exceed three pages) or additional letters that indicate how the nominee meets the award criteria.

Please note:

- Margins – 1" x 1"
- 12 pt. font size (Arial/Times Roman)
- Single space
- Must be received by **December 18, 2009**

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In preparing letters, carefully address the selection criteria for the specific award. For businesses, a resume is not needed, but contact information should be included for all to verify information.

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel selected from: the Department of Labor, Bureau of Prisons, National Institute of Corrections, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the National Career Development Association, Northern District of Texas, U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

For questions please call 918-663-7060 or email: [bcarter@ncda.org](mailto:bcarter@ncda.org)

**Applications should be emailed, faxed or mailed to:**

National Career Development Association  
Re: DOWD Conference - Award Nomination  
305 N. Beech Circle  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
Fax: 918-663-7058  
Email: [bcarter@ncda.org](mailto:bcarter@ncda.org)

Please attach this form to your nomination materials



#### National Conference Partners

- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- National Career Development Association
- National Institute of Corrections
- Offices of Probation and Pre-Trial Services/Administrative Office of the US Courts
- US Department of Labor
- US Department of Education
- Office of Child Support Enforcement

#### Local Conference Partner

- US Probation and Pretrial Office – Northern District of Texas

#### In coordination with

- The National Career Development Association

### I am enclosing a nomination for the

1.  OUTSTANDING DOWD COMMITMENT AWARD - **NATIONAL**
2.  OUTSTANDING DOWD COMMITMENT AWARD - **LOCAL**
3.  MIGGIE AWARD
4.  OUTSTANDING **LEADERSHIP** IN WORKFORCE
5.  OUTSTANDING **COMMITMENT** TO OFFENDER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION
6.  OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR - **NATIONAL**
7.  OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR - **LOCAL**

#### About the Nominee:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (business) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_

#### About the Nominator:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (business) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_