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| 2019 | *Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Global Trade* |

The Arkansas District Export Council is accepting nominations for *the* ***10th Annual Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Global Trade***, which will honor Arkansas companies that have excelled in exporting.

Award recipients will be recognized for their achievement at the ***Governor’s Award for Excellence in Global Trade Business Luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion in late May.***

Applications must be received no later than noon on April 26th, 2019:

Electronic submissions will be accepted at Chairman@Arkansasexport.com. If possible, please send electronic submissions in one single PDF form labeled “2019\_(YourCompanyName)\_GovAwardApp.pdf”. You may mail in your application to

Arkansas District Export Council

c/o James Aardappel

700 West Capitol Avenue

Room 4413

Little Rock, AR 72201

Applications received after noon on April 26th will not be considered.

*Questions: Call Lenka Horakova at 501-588-0504*

**Eligibility:** All Arkansas-based companies that are actively selling in international markets are eligible to apply. Companies with facilities and employees in Arkansas that can provide export sales from within the state are eligible to apply. Please show that activities of Arkansas-based employees lead to an increase in exports. Companies need not be headquartered in the state of Arkansas to apply.

**Award Criteria:** All applications will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of Arkansas District Export Council members. Information regarding total or export revenues contained in the application is considered confidential and will not be shared outside of the selection committee unless the applicant grants ArDEC permission to do so.

**Application Process:**

* Complete the attached application form;
* Complete a supporting narrative no less than 1 and no more than 5 pages long;
* Submit the application form and supporting narrative in one single PDF document via e-mail to Chairman@Arkansasexport.com or by mail to the address listed above or no later than noon on April 26, 2019

**Evaluation Criteria:**

* Innovative approach to doing business internationally, including but not limited to: overcoming trade barriers that resulted in capturing market share; promoting regional export expansions; overcoming foreign industry or sector biases; or developing novel trade promotion program to grow exports;
* Extent of the company’s international business activities;
* Demonstration of international business growth over the past three to five years, and whether this growth is likely to continue; and
* Extent to which the company’s international business activities have successfully maintained or increased employment in Arkansas.

Finalists agree to participate in media interviews to discuss their international business success stories.

2019 NOMINATION FORM

*Governor’s Award for Excellence in Global Trade*

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| **Business Sector** (Check one) |
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|  | Manufactured Products |
|  | Agricultural Commodities/Processed Food |
|  | Services Exporter |
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| **Company Information** (Please print) |
| Company:  |  | Company ContactName/Title: |  |
| Website: |  | Year Established: |  |
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| Address/City/State/Zip:  |  |
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| Phone:  |  | Fax: |  | E-mail: |  |
| Description of products/services: |
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| Company size (number of full-time-equivalent employees in Arkansas and total employees overall): |
|  2016:  | AR:  |  2017: | AR: |  2018: | AR:  |
| Total:  | Total:  | Total:  |
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| Total international sales/services dollar volume (information will not be disclosed by committee):  |
|  2016:  |  |  2017: |  |  2018: |   |
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| Percentage of total revenue derived from international sales/services:  |
|  2016:  |  |  2017: |  |  2018: |  |
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| Top Export Markets: |  |
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| New Markets in Past 3 years: (List) |  |
| Please attach a separate narrative describing how the company met the applicable selection criteria listed on page 1. Be as detailed as you think necessary in order to provide a complete description of company overseas activities and accomplishments. Narrative and optional supporting documentation should not exceed five pages. |

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