

VIRGINIA DIVISION ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION (VA DCDT) 2012 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Virginia Division on Career Development and Transition (VA DCDT), a division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is a membership organization for persons and families interested in career and vocational issues for students with disabilities. The mission, principles and beliefs guide our work and focus on career development and transition from school to adult life for individuals of all exceptionalities.

The VA DCDT **EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR** Award recognizes a business or corporation that has promoted and provided the enhancement and employment of individuals with exceptionalities in order to promote and support their full participation in the community.

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a business or corporation
- May be a private or public business or corporation of any size
- Efforts of the business/corporation must be consistent with VA DCDT's mission statement as described in the first paragraph.

AWARD BENEFITS

The VA DCDT **Employer of the Year** Award recipient will:

- Be recognized during the annual Summer Institute, held in Richmond, VA
- Be featured in VA DCDT newsletter, *Transition Voice*
- Have an article sent to the recipient's home newspaper
- Receive a commemorative plaque to display

NOMINATION REVIEW CRITERIA

A highly eligible nominee:

- a. Maintains an on-going or long-standing record of hiring youth with disabilities
- b. Promotes employment for individuals with disabilities
- c. Provides opportunities for employees with disabilities for ongoing skill development and advancement
- d. Supports and creates opportunities for the full participation and inclusion of employees with disabilities

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the Nomination Form (Page 2)
- Attach a brief narrative to extol the employer's efforts that provide opportunities to students with exceptionalities (maximum 500 words, double space, 12 pt. font)

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION

Nominations should be mailed or attached to an e-mail, by **April 15, 2012**
For e-mail nominations, please put "VADCDT AWARD" in the subject line.

Mail Nominations to: Marianne Moore
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Questions ??? Email or call Marianne Moore: 804-225-2700

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NOMINATION FORM

DCDT uses information on the nomination form for all future correspondence and publicity. Please make sure all information is accurate, legible and spelled correctly.

Nomination of _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____
Current Job Title/Affiliation _____

Nominating Person

Person Submitting Nomination _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

- ATTACH A BRIEF NARRATIVE (maximum 500 words, double space, 12 pt. font) DETAILING WHY THE NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THE AWARD AND SUBMIT BY **APRIL 15, 2012**. PLEASE ADDRESS HOW THE NOMINEE:
 - a. Maintains an on-going or long-standing record of hiring youth with disabilities;
 - b. Promotes employment for individuals with disabilities;
 - c. Provides opportunities for employees with disabilities for ongoing skill development and advancement; and/or
 - d. Supports and creates opportunities for the full participation and inclusion of employees with disabilities

- ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS NEWS ARTICLES OR RELATED COMMENDATIONS CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED.