



THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI ECONOMIC COMMISSION AWARDS

The first national American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission Award was established in 1947, and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities. Since that time, categories were added to the current nine award programs.

The Department Economic Commission is striving to recognize employers and employment service employees in all award categories. During the 2015 Department Convention we recognized three employers for their efforts in hiring and retaining veterans. Please help us continue to recognize the many employers in Missouri who know how important veterans are to their workforce. The following awards are available for 2017:

1. **EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD** - *(SMALL)*
2. **EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD** - *(MEDIUM)*
3. **EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD** - *(LARGE)*
4. **EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD** - *(DVOP)*
5. **EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD** - *(LVER)*
6. **EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD** - *(LOCAL OFFICE)*
7. **EMPLOYER OF OLDER WORKERS AWARD**
8. **ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSONS AWARD**
9. **MICHAEL GUTY HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH AWARD**

To be considered for the Department Award, the deadline for submittals to the Economic Commission is **December 7, 2017.**

It is important that the department nominations are submitted by this time to ensure they are considered for the national award to be delivered at the annual National Convention. **Each of the national winners receives a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative's travel to the convention city to accept the award.**

All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form (**All Nomination forms can be found on the Department website under Employer Awards**) and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed ten pages.

Mail the nomination packages to Department of Missouri, Attn Economic Commission Awards, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102. You may also fax them to Department Headquarters, 573-893-2980, attention Economic Commission Awards. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Woeltje at navyseabeeret@charter.net or 573-225-9202