***2017 HR Department of the Year Application***

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| **COMPANY NAME HERE:**\*Please write as you would like it presented in all communications and event day items. |  |

***Please complete this application in as much detail as possible. The judges will review what you included, and use it in evaluating your organization. All fields are required. If you have any additional materials you would like included in your submission, please email them to*** info@hrawards.org***.***

**INTENT TO APPLY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 by 5:00pm**

Email your company name, award you’re applying for and the number of employees in your HR Department to info@hrawards.org.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 by 12:00pm**

***Next Steps:*** Once you have submitted your application to info@hrawards.org you will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of your application. If you don’t receive such an email, please contact us at info@hrawards.org. Also, you will be contacted within one week from the application deadline by one of the HR Department of the Year judges.

***Onsite Meeting***: Part of the application process includes an onsite meeting with the HR Department of the Year judges. Please note that you and your HR Department will need to be flexible in providing a time to meet with the judges within the timeframe they are given to review all applications. The onsite presentation/visit will be scheduled between October 2 -27, 2017. One of the judges will contact you to review the onsite meeting (e.g., what to expect, how to prepare for it, etc.) and answer your questions*.*

* **Who should attend the onsite meeting?** The key functional members of the HR department along with the head of HR. The judges would also like to meet separately with the CEO or a member of the Senior Executive team (before or after the HR team meeting).
* **How long is the onsite meeting?** Typically the onsite meeting with the HR team is 2 hours and 45-60 minutes with the CEO/senior executive.
* **IMPORTANT: Look at your/your HR team's and the CEO's calendars for dates/times to schedule the on-site visit.** This will be coordinated with the judges' availability.
* **Optional:** PowerPoint presentation for the HR Team meeting

***Registration:*** You may purchase tickets for you and your team to attend the HR Department of Year Awards to be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2017 by visiting the following website: <https://hrawards.ticketleap.com/2017-hr-department-of-the-year-awards-event>.

***Display Slide:*** We will have an applicant display slideshow for all attendees to view during the cocktail hour at the event. Please submit (1) one PowerPoint slide (standard size) to info@hrawards.org by October 27th. Please feel free to include your company logo, photos of your team members, department, place of work, etc. on your slide. Slides must be submitted as a PowerPoint document, not PDF or other file type.

**~APPLICANT CONTACT INFO~**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Company** |  |
| **Title** |  |
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| **Phone #** |  |
| **Alternate Contact** |  |
| **Alternate Title** |  |
| **Alternate Email** |  |
| **Alternate Phone** |  |
| **Head of HR (Name & Title)** |  |
| **Head of HR (Email & Phone)** |  |

**~COMPANY INFORMATION~**

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| **# Company Employees** |  |
| **# HR Dept. Employees** |  |
| **Ratio:** HR Employees to Overall Company Employees |  |
| **Company Industry** |  |
| **HR Dept. Budget** |  |
| **What functions are included in this budget (e.g., Communications, Compensation & Benefits, Training & Development, Talent Acquisition, HRIS, Payroll, Facilities, etc.)?**  |
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**SHORT ANSWERS**Complete each question as descriptively as possible. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence by our event planners and judges.

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| **1. Are you a division of a larger organization or a stand-alone company? If a division, what is the name of the larger organization and its location? Which HR functions are under your control versus that of the larger organization?**  *Note: To qualify for the award, you must have a significant portion of HR functions under your control.* |
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| **2. Who does the head of HR report to – Name and Title?**  |
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| **3. How is the HR department organized (i.e., areas of responsibility)?** Please attach an organization chart. |
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 **DETAILED ANSWERS**Complete each question as descriptively as possible. All information will be held in the strictest of confidence by our event planners and judges.

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| **4. What is the HR strategy and how is it integrated into the organization's strategy?** |
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| **5. What are the top 3 priorities of the HR department and how are they related to the strategic objectives of the organization?** |
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| **6. In the past 1-2 years, how has the HR department contributed to/impacted the success of the overall organization?** Provide details: (a) major initiatives HR led and/or was deeply involved in, (b) how their effectiveness was measured, and (c) the results (impact on business performance, employees' performance, employee engagement, operational efficiency, reduced costs or contained risks, transformation of culture, etc.**,** including trends or comparative benchmarks). |
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| **7. Describe three (3) ways in which your CEO supports your HR department:** |
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| **8. What qualitative and quantitative measures does the HR department use to assess the effectiveness of the overall HR function? How are those results used to make improvements in the HR offerings/services/initiatives?** |
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| **9. What does the HR department do to enhance the knowledge and skills of the HR staff and build a high performing HR team?** |
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| **10. In 200 words or less, please tell us why your HR department is exceptional and should win the Human Resources Department of the Year Award.** *Your answer to this question will be featured as the description in the printed program booklet and will be used to make acknowledgements at the awards dinner.* |
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