



**2021**

**CALL FOR  
NOMINATIONS**

NYSID is calling for nominations for its annual Joslin Award, which celebrates exceptional job performance and personal growth by individuals with disabilities employed on NYSID Preferred Source contracts.

**DEADLINE:**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 30, 2021**

NYSID's Joslin Outstanding Performance Awards Program was established in 2004 to honor the contributions of William B. Joslin, former CEO of Human Technologies Corporation and NYSID Board Member, and to further NYSID's mission of:

*“Advancing employment and other opportunities for individuals with disabilities.”*

*Who will be  
your agency's  
2021 Joslin  
Award  
nominee?*



## 2021 AWARD GUIDELINES:

- Nominee must be an individual currently or recently employed on a NYSID contract for products or services. Full-time work is not required, although the nominee must have worked consistently from June 30, 2020-June 1, 2021. During this nomination period, if an individual's job was paused due to COVID-19 and he/she has since returned to work, they still may qualify to be nominated.
- Nominee must be employed by a contract-holding NYSID Member Agency/Corporate Partner in good standing.
- The nomination may be made by either the nominee's Member Agency or the Corporate Partner associated with the contract.
- If Member Agencies merged in 2020-21, and both have been consistent Joslin Award participants, NYSID will allow a nomination from both agencies for the merger year only.
- A prior awardee is eligible to be re-nominated after five years.
- All nominees are named Joslin Outstanding Performers, awarded a \$500 prize and certificate of recognition, included in a 2021 Joslin yearbook, and profiled in other NYSID media.

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Two Outstanding Performers (Services, Products) will be selected for the  
**William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award**

These awards will be presented at NYSID's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 and consist of a \$1,000 cash prize, commemorative plaque and video profile. Award winners and an immediate family member will be guests of NYSID at this event. See "Final Award Selection" on page 4 for more information.

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### **WILLIAM B. JOSLIN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD**

The Joslin Awards Committee will evaluate the Joslin Award nominees using these criteria:

- ~ **Outstanding job performance** for a minimum of 12 months on NYSID contract assignments
- ~ **Success at employment**, including skills acquisition and new assignments
- ~ **Personal success**, such as role modeling, increased independence and community involvement
- ~ **Quality of nomination requirements**
- ~ **Additional supporting documents**, such as letters of recommendation or copies of award certificates

The final award recipients will be announced prior to NYSID's Annual Meeting on NYSID's website and through other communications.

Award recipients and the employing Member Agency/Corporate Partner will be publicized in NYSID media throughout next year to highlight the importance of employment for people with disabilities.

## NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed Nomination Form/Interview (attached), with all signatures.
2. Descriptive narrative of the individual's challenges and accomplishments; how NYSID Preferred Source work has impacted them; how recognition makes them feel.
3. Photograph of the individual suitable for reproduction in the annual booklet.  
*Please note photo quality requirements on page 3 of the Nomination Form.*

### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF NOMINEE:

1. Inter-agency recognition throughout employment, such as an "Employee of the Month" award or other evidence of achievement.
2. Supporting letter(s) of commendation, featuring statements from supervisors and team members and/or customer.
3. Personal letter from the nominee OR letter from a parent or guardian (for those who do not self-advocate), which details the importance of employment from the family's perspective (growth as a person, financial independence, etc.).

#### **Be sure to persuasively describe your nominee's commitment to employment:**

- Overall work quality, attitude, enthusiasm, consistency, reliability, and conscientiousness
- Notable examples of improvements in behavior, productivity, individual growth, and development
- Willingness and enthusiasm to learn new skills and assume more responsibility to increase current job performance and strive for new employment horizons
- Positive relationships with team members, supervisors and customers

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- ~ Your agency is responsible for obtaining all permissions and releases from the nominee and/or his/her family or guardian(s) for documents and photos submitted to NYSID.
- ~ Award letters, certificates and checks will be provided to the Member Agency or Corporate Partner by NYSID for presentation to each Outstanding Performer in mid-October 2021.
- ~ Your agency is strongly encouraged to hold a local award presentation for your nominee or to incorporate their recognition at an appropriate agency/organization event. NYSID staff is available to participate in these events. This is especially noteworthy during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October 2021!

## 2021 PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

### ▪ **Nominations due Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

- Winners notified in August 2021
- Recognition certificates and \$500 cash prizes for nominated Outstanding Performers mailed October 2021
- Joslin Awards and \$1,000 prizes presented at the NYSID Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021

*2021 Joslin Award information is also available at*  
[www.nysid.org](http://www.nysid.org)

Questions on eligibility, nominations, selection, or any other matters may be addressed to:

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