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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE (individual, business or mentor)

Name:

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Date of Birth:

Address:

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Town/City: State / Territory and Postcode:

Phone/Fax/Email:

BUSINESS NAME

Business Name:

ABN: Date Business Registered :

Business Address:

Town/City: State / Territory and Postcode:

Phone/Fax/Email:

Website: Number of Employees:

AWARD CATEGORIES

- First Australian Business Man of the Year
- First Australian Business Woman of the Year
- First Australian Young Business Person of the Year
- First Australian Business of the Year
- Mentor of the Year

AWARD CATEGORIES

Referee 1

Name: Contact Number:

Referee 2

Name: Contact Number:

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CHECKLIST

- Nomination Form
- Statements addressing each of the selection criteria
- Proof of business registration
- Supporting documentation (if required)

MAKING YOUR SUBMISSION

Nominations close:

Nominations are currently open

Please address to:

Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce
First Australian Business Awards Secretariat

Mail:

PO Box 2105
Strawberry Hills NSW 2010

Email:

pfowler@indigenouchamber.org.au

Fax:

02 9310 4177

For more information please contact Petra Fowler on 0428 247 913 or email
pfowler@indigenouchamber.org.au

Further nomination forms and information can be found at www.indigenouchamber.org.au

PRIVACY POLICY

Submissions are confidential and no information will be used without the prior consent of the nominee however participants will be expected to participate in a documentary on the awards process and to be involved with media coverage of the awards.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

Participating in the awards will be good for your business. You'll receive prize money, valuable publicity and the chance to network with other Indigenous business people, as well as people from the wider business community.

You can also refine and improve your business goals through the application process. And winners will get valuable mentoring opportunities.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

This is a great chance to express pride in your efforts, those of the people who work for you and all Indigenous people.

You'll send a powerful message to Indigenous communities and the whole country that we can be winners in business as well as in sport or any other activity.

AWARD CATEGORIES

FIRST AUSTRALIANS BUSINESS MAN OF THE YEAR

FIRST AUSTRALIANS BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The above categories recognise individuals who have displayed exceptional commitment to achieving excellence in business.

FIRST AUSTRALIANS YOUNG BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Recognising a young Indigenous entrepreneur, aged 30 years or younger, who has displayed exceptional commitment to business.

FIRST AUSTRALIANS BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Recognising the outstanding achievements of an Indigenous business.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Recognising the outstanding commitment of a business or individual in supporting and mentoring Indigenous business.

WHO CAN APPLY

For all categories, except Mentor of the Year, any business that is at least 50 per cent Indigenous owned and registered and operating in Australia.

You'll need to give us the names and contact details of two referees when you fill out the entry form.

FOR INDIVIDUALS

You'll need to provide background information on you and your business, which you must operate. We'll need to know:

- How and why you established the business and its history to date.
- Who you are, your personal history and what inspired you to become an entrepreneur.
- What are the main achievements of the business, such as satisfying your customers.

- How you've carved out your place in the market, what makes you different and your plans for future growth.
- What obstacles you had to overcome to achieve your business goals.
- The challenges and opportunities of being an Indigenous business and how you relate to the mainstream community.

FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

You'll need to provide background information on the business or enterprise activity and demonstrate excellence and initiative. We'll need to know:

- The overriding vision of the business.
- Its major achievements thus far.
- Who the operators are their personal histories.
- The points of difference or marketing niche that have produced success.
- Strategies that have changed the image of the business in Indigenous and mainstream communities.
- Obstacles you've needed to overcome to reach the business's goals.

FOR MENTOR OF THE YEAR

You must be an Australian resident or a company or other legal entity operating in Australia which is mentoring Indigenous Australians or a business that is at least 50 per cent Indigenous owned and operated by an Indigenous business person. We'll need to know:

- How you've provided leadership and direction in the development of Indigenous business.
- How your leadership and actions have changed the way Indigenous business people are viewed by both Indigenous Australians and the mainstream community,
- Obstacles you've faced in promoting business as a career path for Indigenous Australians and how you've dealt with those challenges.

JUDGING

Winners will be chosen by an independent panel selected by the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce. It will be made up of Indigenous business leaders and prominent business figures in the wider community. The judges' decision will be final.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

One of the most important aspects of these awards is to get the story of your success to a wider audience to be an inspiration to other Indigenous people and change attitudes in the wider community. If you choose to nominate, this constitutes a formal agreement to take part in a television program on the awards and be involved in any associated media coverage.

If you are chosen as a finalist, we also require your presence at the awards ceremony in Sydney in early 2011. Air fares and accommodation will be provided.

You or your business can only nominate for one category. So please choose the category that best highlights your success. Remember, you must be 30 or under to qualify for Young Business Person of the Year. So if you've turned 31, you need to apply in the general categories.