

Change Request
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National Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards Program Requirements
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Justification

The mission of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is to enhance the growth and expansion of minority business enterprises. The MBDA is the only federal agency created to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in America. One of MBDA's largest initiatives is the annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference. The conference recognizes the role that minority entrepreneurs play in building the American economy through the creation of jobs, products and services, in addition to supporting their local communities. The MED Week awards program is a key element in the conference as it celebrates the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs.

MBDA would like to change one of its categories, in the nomination application/brochure to recognize more companies operating in the global marketplace (Minority Retail or Service Firm of the Year category changed to Minority Retail Energy Company of the Year), and also recognize companies that have achieved good job creation.

The changes are noted in red in the application/brochure from pages 8 thru 11 (in ROCIS). There is no expected increase in the number of burden hours.