



## 2014 NATIONAL MEDALS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONORS FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND INNOVATORS

### NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

The National Medal of Science is the Nation's highest honor for American scientists and engineers. It is presented annually by the President of the United States.

The National Medal of Science is awarded to individuals deserving special recognition by reason of outstanding contributions to knowledge or the total impact of their work on the current state of the chemical, physical, biological, social or behavioral sciences; mathematics; or engineering.

Anyone can nominate for the National Medal of Science by submitting a short description of the nominee's contribution to the field and three letters of support at [www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp).

Nominations are due by May 1, 2014.

### NATIONAL MEDAL OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the highest honor for technological achievement and innovation. It is presented annually by the President of the United States.

The Medal is awarded to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to the Nation's economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technological products, processes and concepts; technological innovation; and strengthening the Nation's technological workforce.

Anyone can nominate for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by submitting the nomination form and six letters of support at [www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/guidelines.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/guidelines.jsp).

Nominations are due by June 2, 2014.

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### Award Selection Considerations

The Committee has established the following considerations for selection of candidates:

- a. The impact of an individual's body of work on the current state of his or her field of science or engineering;
- b. Whether the individual's achievements are of an unusually significant nature in relation to the potential effects on the development of thought in his or her field of science or engineering;
- c. Whether the nominee has demonstrated unusually distinguished service in the general advancement of science and/or engineering for the Nation, especially when accompanied by substantial contributions to the content of science;
- d. The recognition of the nominee by peers within his or her community, and whether s/he is recognized for substantial impact in fields in addition to his/her discipline;
- e. If the nominee has made contributions to innovation and industry; and
- f. Whether the nominee has demonstrated sustained influence on education through publications, teaching activities, outreach, mentoring, etc.
- g. Whether the nominee's contributions have created significant positive impact for the Nation.

### Nomination and Letters of Support Requirements

- a. A complete nomination consists of a nomination form and three to five letters of support. Nominations with fewer than three letters of support will not be forwarded to the committee to review, and no more than five letters of support will be accepted.
- b. Nominations and letters are to be submitted electronically via the FastLane website.
- c. Under exceptional circumstances, letters may also be sent separately via regular mail or e-mail as an attachment.

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