



# The Deborah Sawyer DIVERSITY AWARD

Ms. Sawyer began her career as an Environmental Scientist for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Later, she joined a private firm where she rose up the ranks before leaving to start EDI in 1991. Despite the uncertainties of entrepreneurship in a complex field, EDI has become a regional leader in civil engineering, land survey, environmental consulting, and industrial hygiene. Highly experienced in transportation.

**Each year**, ICAT presents the Deborah Sawyer Diversity Award to a certified MBE/WBE/DBE or veteran business owner, advocacy organization with a track record of supporting minorities, women, or veterans, or corporate champion committed to making a positive impact on MBE/WBE/DBE entrepreneurs.

## Award Criteria

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#### **Awarded to an individual who has:**

- MBE/WBE/DBE or veteran business owners being considered for this honor must be certified, contribute to their community through job creation and economic impact, demonstrate innovation, and prove collaborative leadership to their business and community.
- Demonstrate a track record of success in helping minorities, women, and veterans achieve their goals.
- Committed to responsibly sourcing diverse suppliers and, as such, making a positive impact on MBE/WBE/DBE business owners.

### Nomination Process and Deadline - November 15, 2017

- Use attached form
- Letters of recommendation are not required but encouraged
- The nominees will be submitted to Dr. Al-Khafaji and the winner will be selected by the ICAT Executive Board.

### Please submit completed form to:

Dr. Amir Al-Khafaji, ICAT Chair  
Bradley University, Jobst 206  
Peoria, Illinois 61625  
Email: [amir@fsmail.bradley.edu](mailto:amir@fsmail.bradley.edu)



Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief bio of the nominee.

Explain why this nominee is deserving of the Sawyer Diversity Award.

**NOMINATED BY**

Nominator Name:

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Organizational Affiliation:

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