Program Area: Learning & Development

Category: Best Certification Program

The category **Best Certification Program** is for a written description of a learning program that was specifically designed as a certification program. This award honors excellence and innovation in certification programs specifically designed to support a competency and/or skill development need within an organization. It should include a description of how the skills and competencies were developed and gaps identified. Winning programs will demonstrate up-to-date standards, competencies, and requirements that reflect the evolving learning landscape.

Training, learning, talent, HR, or other related department can enter either **alone** or **together** with a helping organization (such as a vendor aka solution provider, or consultant). Helping organizations **cannot** enter alone.

Instructions:

1. You must use this Word document for your submission.
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3. Do not change the formatting or font – Calibri body 12 (size, color, or type).
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| **Judging Criteria: The judges will evaluate your entry on a scale of 1-6 on each of these criteria below.** |
| 1. **Fit to the Needs**
 | The certification program aligned effectively to the learning needs and business/organization situation. |
| 1. **Design of the Program**
 | The design of this certification program started with a business/organizational goal and supports the organization and its learning objectives effectively. |
| 1. **Delivery of the Program**
 | The delivery of the program is in a manner that positively influenced the organizational goals and learning results. |
| 1. **Measurable Benefits**
 | The certification program produced measurable benefits and outcomes. |
| 1. **Overall**
 | Overall, the certification program demonstrates a positive impact for the learners and organization. |

Entry Overview:

***Please make sure all information matches the online application.***

Entry Information

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| **Entry Title** | (Insert text here) |
| Name of Entering Organization | (Insert text here) |
| \*Name of Helping Organization (Vendor) if submitted jointly: | (Insert text here) |
| \*OPTIONAL PR | (Insert text here) |
| Date | (Insert text here) |
| Brief Description of Entry (2-3 Sentences) | (Insert text here) |

Company Background (of entering organization, not the solution provider)

Insert company logo here

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

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| **Company-at-a-Glance** |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)  | (Insert text here) |
| Industry | (Insert text here) |
| Stock Symbol | (Insert text here) |
| Website | (Insert text here) |

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Budget and Timeframe

Please fill out the following grid with your best ability. You may offer an estimate or range for each. If this information is confidential or not applicable, enter N/A. Your entry will not be judged based on this information; however, this offers the judges a greater understanding of your entry, complexity, and/or maturity.

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| **Budget and Timeframe** |
| Overall budget | (Insert text here) |
| Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of contractors involved with implementation | (Insert text here) |
| Timeframe to implement | (Insert text here) |
| Start date of the program | (Insert text here) |

Entry Details:

Judging Criteria 1: Fit to the Needs

Use this area to describe the business conditions and business needs that led the organization to create this certification program.

Details:

Overview

Use this area to provide a description of the certification program and its impact on the organization.

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Judging Criteria 2: Design of the Program

Use this area to discuss how the certification program was designed for its audience.

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 3: Delivery of the Program

Use this area to discuss how the certification program was deployed to its audience.

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 4: Measurable Benefits

Use this area to discuss the measurable benefits as seen by the organization. How is ROI/impact of the certification program measured and what were the results? What was prioritized? What was important and how was it identified?

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 5: Overall

Use this section to provide a summary of key findings. What lessons were learned? What is next/future outlook?

Details: