

Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance (GPAECG)



Guidelines & Application Form

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Part - I : Award Scheme

Invitation

The "World Council For Corporate Governance" (WCFCG) and Centre for Corporate Governance (CFCG) have great pleasure in inviting applications for **The Golden Peacock Award For Excellence in Corporate Governance**. The Award Scheme for Corporate Governance was instituted in January 2001 to encourage initiatives in Corporate Governance globally and in India including :

- * Public undertakings
- * Private undertaking - Manufacturing Sector/Service Sector and Finance Sector
- * Government/Municipal Departments

The Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance stimulates and helps organisations to rapidly accelerate the pace of customer-oriented improvement process. It is a powerful self-assessment process and a way to build an organisations' brand equity on 'Corporate Governance.' The preparation for the award helps to inspire and align the entire work force and management functions. The knowledge gained by the organisation in describing and self-assessing its operations leads to IMPROVED organisational performance.

The Awards

The Golden Peacock Award For Excellence in Corporate Governance, will be awarded annually, separately under global and local schemes. Each category, at the discretion of the Jury may have none or more than one award'. Each winner receives a **trophy** together with a **certificate**. The Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance would be adjudged separately, under the following categories; for Large (Annual turnover more than Rs. 300 crores) and Small & Medium Enterprises (Annual turn over less than Rs. 300 crores).

Eligible Categories

1. Public Sector Units (PSUs)
2. Private Sector organisations - separately for Manufacturing, Service & Finance sectors.
3. Government/Municipal Organisations, Undertakings & Public utility Services.

Eligibility

Organizations or parts of organisations (self accounting profit centres) in the private and public sector operating in India or Globally may participate in the above award schemes.

The decisive factor for eligibility is that the operations of the applicant must adequately correspond to all the Award criteria and which can be verified at the time of evaluation.

The operations of the applicant must be carried out independently, meaning that responsibilities, authorities, results, etc. are clearly defined. This must be documented, for example, in the annual report, organisation plan or equivalent.

Rules & Regulations

- * Golden Peacock Awards Secretariat (GPAS) GPAS reserves the right to alter the Award Scheme.
- * GPAS reserves the right to award more than one trophy each year and also to withhold awards if the required standards are not met.

- * GPAS accepts no liability for any loss resulting from the disclosure of information concerning an entry, though all reasonable precautions will be taken to maintain secrecy.
- * GPAS cannot undertake to return documents or supplementary material submitted with an entry.
- * Selected Finalists Award winners may be invited to make a brief presentation to the jury or in the ensuing "International/National Conference on Corporate Governance" for closure assessment and to share their experiences.
- * The decision of the GPAS, on the recommendations of the Jury is final and no appeal or correspondence will be entertained.

Non-Disclosure & Confidentiality

Names of applicants, commentary and scoring information developed during the review of applications are regarded as proprietary by GPAS and are kept confidential. Such information is available only to those individuals directly involved in the assessment and administrative process.

GPAS will take all reasonable action to ensure that applications and information therein are treated in strict confidence. However, in no way can GPAS be held responsible for any loss of confidentiality to a third party. Moreover, GPAS cannot be held liable for any damage (to goods, or persons, financial loss or consequential) incurred through the breach of confidentiality or otherwise by the applicants or any third party.

Application Fees

The application fee is Rs.24,500/- for large and small/medium organisations.

The fee should accompany your application, in the form of demand draft/cheque in favour of 'Institute of Directors', payable at New Delhi.

Application

The Application should be submitted in duplicate neatly typed (minimum font size 10 pt.) only on one side of A-4 size paper in English, covering the following:

1. Table of contents
 2. Basic Information Item 1 (as per annexure 1 enclosed)
 3. Business Overview Three to five pages summary, providing outline of the applicant's Business. Guidelines for business overview are attached (as per annexure 2)
 4. Self-Appraisal Report
 - a) This report will be based on GPAECG Guidelines and criteria, (as per annexure-3 attached). The guidelines consists of a set of questions which when answered, duly supported by the objective evidence, would help in appreciating the extent of excellence achieved by the applicant.
 - b) Support material:- Support material may have been derived from self-assessment of the organisation's activities. This information must be closely aligned with the Award assessment criterias. The criteria are carefully and deliberately phrased in non-prescriptive terms, to allow you the freedom to present self-assessment information which is relevant to your specific situation.
- Annual Reports A copy of the latest Annual Report of the organisation shall form part of the support material.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO :

The Director General, GP Award Secretariat, M-64, Greater Kailash - II, New Delhi - 110 048.

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Part -2

APPLICATION & ANNEXURES**Application form -- GPAECG***(you may photocopy this form or reproduce it on a word processor)*

Name of Applicant Organisation

Address

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Name of contact person

Telephone (Office).....(Residence).....

Facsimile E-mail

Contact Address *(if different from above)*

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Name of Highest Ranking Official

Position

Telephone (Office).....(Residence).....

Facsimile E-mail

1. Location of principal sites

2. Turn over per year

3. Type of Award - Global Or National

4. Type of organisation (ü)

PSU Manufacturing Private Enterprise Service/Finance

Government/Municipal Organisations, Industries, Services

5. Bank Draft/cheque in favour of 'Institute of Directors' payable at New Delhi is enclosed towards application fee

Amount.....

Bank.....DraftNo.....Dated.....

I agree, on behalf of my organisation, to abide by the rules of The 'Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance' competition and accept that the decisions of the committee of judges are final. I confirm that my organisation is eligible to take part in this competition and that all information in this application and accompanying application documents are correct.

Date

Signature of CEO

Encl. : 1. Bank Draft

2. Self Appraisal Report (as per annexure 2&3):
in duplicate, alongwith their appendices and enclosures.

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The Business Overview

The Business Overview is an outline of the applicant's business, addressing what is most important to the business, key influences on how the business operates, and where the business is headed. The Business Overview is intended to help Examiners understand what is relevant and important to the applicant's business.

The Business Overview is of critical importance to the applicant because:

- a) It is the most appropriate starting point for writing and reviewing the application, helping to ensure focus on key business issues and consistency in responses, especially in reporting business results; and
- b) It is used by the Examiners and Judges in all stages of application review, including the site visit.

Guidelines for Preparing the Business Overview

1. Basic Description of the Company

The section should provide basic information on:

- a) the nature of the applicant's business: products and services; company size, location(s), and whether it is publicly or privately owned;
- b) the applicant's
 - i. major markets (local, regional, national, or international)
 - ii. principal customer types (consumers, other businesses, government, etc.). (Note any special relationships, such as partnerships, with customers or customer groups.);
- c) a profile of the applicant's employee base, including: number, types, educational level, bargaining units, and special health and safety requirements; and
- d) major equipment, facilities, and technologies used.

If the applicant is a subunit of a larger company, a brief description of the organizational relationship to the 'parent' and percent of employees the subunit represents should be given. Briefly describe also how the applicant's products and services relate to those of the parent and/or other units of the parent company. If the parent company provides key support services, these should be described briefly.

2. Critical Business Information

Some key information, critical to the business, is listed below :-

- a) Attributes of utmost importance to targeted customer
- b) Types and number of suppliers of goods & services
- c) Types and number of other partners in business such as dealers and agents
- d) Specific information related to strategic partnership with key suppliers/trade partners
- e) Critical success factors that the organisation has identified as competitive factors
- f) Other information that is important to the organisation, such as, company's new business, new business alliances, development/introduction of new technologies and changes in strategies.

Criteria for Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance

SELF - APPRAISAL BASED ON THE DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO BE SUBMITTED, ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION.

A. OVERVIEW OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A.1. Policies and organisation

- a.
 - i. Publicly available mission and vision statements,
 - ii. Codes of conduct
 - iii. Statements of economic, environmental, and social policy, and other policies with economic, environmental or social provisions
- b. Economic, environmental, and social, or similar, charters, codes, or voluntary initiatives (e.g., regarding labour issues, human rights, discrimination, security, gender equity) to which the organisation subscribes or which it endorses
- c. Organisational structure and responsibilities

A.2. Management Systems

- a. Programmes and procedures pertaining to economic, environmental, and social performance.
- b. Approaches to measuring, auditing and improving management quality. Status of certification pertaining to economic, quality, environmental, and social management systems.

A.3 Decision making process for ensuring – inclusiveness, transparency, equity, accountability and social responsibility.

A.4 Code of Ethics

- a. Does the organization have its own code of ethics?
- b. What mechanisms are in place to monitor its implementation?

B. BOARD

B.1 Size, structure and Composition also include

- a. Separation of CEO and chairman
- b. Size of the board
- c. Criterion for election of the Board and it's disclosure in the Annual Report.
- d. Degree of diversity and qualification of directors
- e. Number and % of executive directors on the board.
- f. What is the term of a Board?
- g. How is personal liability of Directors related to functioning of the company?.

B.2. Independence and discrimination

- a. How many Independent Directors are on the Board (also as a percentage of total numbers).
- b. How many women directors are on the board (Also as a percentage of total numbers).
- c. Are all the pecuniary relationships or transactions of the non-executive directors vis-a-vis the Company, described in the Annual Report.
- d. Has every director informed the company about committee position he occupies in other companies and notify changes, as and when they take place.

B.3. Orientation and access to information

- a. Orientation for newly elected directors and updation strategy.
- b. *Access to Information*
 - a. How is access to board's and company records ensured for all Directors?
 - b. Is the Chairman responsible for board directors receiving qualitative and quantitative information?

B.4. Committees and their quorum

- a. Audit Committee
 - i) Does the Company have an Audit Committee? Audit Committee?

- ii) What are the role bowers, and quorum of Audit Committee?
- iii) Does the audit committee routinely review 'High exposure areas'?
- b. Is any, Shareholders/Investors Grievance Committee in place and it's contribution.
- c. Does the company have a Governance Committee? If yes, what are its responsibilities.
- d. What is the structure of the Nomination Committee?
- e. Does the Company have Remuneration committee? If yes, then what are its responsibilities?
- f. What is the strategy for any Director's membership on an executive committee?.
- g. How many Board Meetings are organised in a year.

B.5 Remuneration, Contracts and compensation

- a. *Remuneration Policy*
 - (i) Who decides the non-executive Independent Directors contract and remuneration?
 - (ii) How is Directors' independence maintained, while covering his risk and responsibility?
- b. How is the level of remuneration decided for the Directors?. What is the present status?
- c. Executive Composition

C. CORPORATE DISCLOSURES – ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY

C.1. Financial Reporting

- a. Corporate governance framework to ensure timely and accurate disclosure on all matters of performance, ownership and governance of the company.
- b. Details of established communication channels for disseminating relevant information

C.2. Transparency

Are disclosures not limited to the financial results of the company but also cover foreseeable risk factors? Are quarterly results put on the website of the company?

C.3. Internal Control

- a. Report on the system of internal controls of financial reporting and regulatory compliance.
- b. Role, composition and responsibility of the audit committees and its independence in reporting of internal control and Accounting Standards
- c. The final liability of the directors over the integrity of the audit.

C.4. Evaluation of Governance disclosures: Management and control of "timely and continuous" disclosure between shareholder and corporation.

C.5. Review financial performance with respect to operational performance.

C.6. Disclosure

Does the company make following disclosures in the Annual Report :

- a. Remuneration Package including Salary, benefits, bonuses, stock options, pensions etc. Details of fixed component and performance linked incentives, along with performance criteria.
- b. Service contracts, notice period, severance fee.
- c. Stock option details, if any whether issued at a discount as well as the period over which accrued and over which exercisable.

C 7. Has the organization formalized ' whistle blower protection'?

D. STAKEHOLDERS

D.1. Stakeholder Relationships

- a. Basis for definition and selection of major stakeholders (e.g., employees, investors, suppliers, customers, local authorities, public interest groups, non- governmental organisations).
- b. Approaches to stakeholder's consultation (e.g., surveys, focus groups, community panels, corporate advisory panels, written communications). Frequency of Such consultations by type.

D.2. Communication: Does the corporation has in place a Policy to communicate effectively with its shareholders, other stakeholders and the public generally.

D.3. Worker Participation: System of workers participation (whether by way of worker management committees at management or board level.)

D 4. Shareholder Voting: In the event of the existence of a significant shareholder, what constraints satisfy the requirement to fairly reflect the investment of minority shareholders.

D.5. Does the board review the wealth creation for all stakeholders in a planned manner.

- D.6. Exercise of shareholders rights, shareholders democracy, and protection of minority shareholders.
- D.7. Grievance Committee
 - a. Is any, shareholders/Investors Grievance Committee in place and it's contribution:
- D.8. Listing in Stock Exchanges
 - a. Give the name of the stock exchanges, where your company is listed in India and abroad.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

- E.1. Organisation-specific environmental performance indicators derive from attributes such as the organisation's industry sector and geographic location, and from the concerns of stakeholders. Organisation-specific indicators reflect the organisation's key economic, environmental, and social issues. These, in turn are associated with operations, products and/or services, and include indirect and supply/service chain impacts. The Environmental Performance report needs to only broadly cover the legal compliance, ISO 14001:2004 certification and environmental initiatives.
- E.2. *Energy*
 - a Total energy use. Energy saving initiatives and results?
 - b Initiatives to move towards renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.
- E.3. *Water*
 - a Total water used last year. % of water recycled?
 - b Water sources significantly affected by the organisation's use of water.
- E.4. *Emissions, Effluents, and Waste*
 - a Greenhouse gas emissions (per Kyoto protocol definition) in tones of CO² equivalent (global warming potential).
 - b Ozone-depleting substance emissions (per Montreal protocol definition) in tones of CFC-11 equivalent (ozone depleting potential).
 - c Total waste (for disposal).
- E.5. *Products and Services*
 - a Major environmental issues and impacts associated with the use of principal products and services, including disposal, where applicable. (Include qualitative and quantitative estimate of such impacts, where applicable).
 - b Programmes or procedures to prevent or minimize the potentially adverse impacts of products and services, including product stewardship, and life-cycle management.
- E.6. *Land Use/Biodiversity*
 - a Amount of land owned, leased, managed, or otherwise affected by the organization. Type of ecosystem habitat affected and its status (e.g., degraded, pristine).
 - b Objectives, programmes, and targets for protecting and restoring native ecosystems and species.
 - c Impacts on protected areas (e.g., national parks, biological reserves, world heritage sites).
- E.7. *Compliance*
 - a Magnitude and nature of penalties for non-compliance with all applicable environmental issues, during (e.g., air quality, water quality)
 - b Certification to ISO 14001 : 2004, if any.

F. SOCIAL PERFORMANCE/CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- F1. Employee non-discrimination and retention policies. (The social dimension captures the impact of an organisation's activity on society, including on employees, customers, community, supply chain, and business partners.)
 - a. Employee retention rates.
 - b. Rates of training budget to annual operating costs.
 - c. % of Women in senior and middle management ranks.
- F2. Initiatives to foster worker participation in decision-making.
- F3. Major social issues and impacts associated with the use of principal products and services.
- F4. Welfare Schemes for Employee's families.
- F5. Welfare projects for community development.

- G. **"CG" INITIATIVES:** Any other innovative Corporate Governance initiatives implemented by the organisation, which deserve special recognition.