



## 2020 BOLD AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### *ACG Minnesota Announces Its Eighth Annual* **BOLD AWARDS**

ACG Minnesota is proud to announce its Eighth Annual BOLD Awards. Each year, ACG Minnesota's BOLD Awards will shine a spotlight on Minnesota's innovative and inspirational organizations and the teams that made their BOLD moves possible.

#### **WHAT ARE THE BOLD AWARDS?**

Original. Inventive. Daring and BOLD, these awards are a big deal. They showcase the best in corporate growth, leadership and imagination. The BOLD Awards honor and celebrate cutting-edge organizations and the leaders that have made BOLD moves to positively grow, restructure, or enhance their companies for the benefit of all stakeholders.

In uncertain times, the need for corporations to be BOLD has never been greater. The BOLD Awards celebrate those who are accepting the challenge to make BOLD bets on behalf of their companies. This signature program and prestigious award recognizes extraordinary executives and their trusted advisory teams for daring business decisions that have driven remarkable corporate performance and growth.

Nominees will be recognized for innovative, inspirational moves that demonstrate success in acquisitions, divestitures, financings and other transactional strategies to sustain and accelerate growth. One Minnesota nonprofit organization will also be honored for its BOLD accomplishments.

Award nominees must be BOLD visionaries, responsible for crafting deals that inspire. They must be courageous and tenacious in efforts to complete an acquisition, joint venture, financing or strategic alliance. Nominees must exemplify the spirit of the BOLD Awards. They will demonstrate outstanding creativity and innovation. These applicants will showcase the best of in BOLD moves and artful deal making as defined below:

**Innovation:** Significant innovation in new products, green initiatives, technological advancement, and production increases

**Talent management:** Workforce transformation around recruitment, diversity, and talent management

**Growth:** Expansion, acquisition and growth -- in revenues, geography, products and/or services offered, and profitability

**Collaboration:** Remarkable results in business activity or industry transformation through strategic partnerships, ventures or mergers and acquisitions

**Other examples of BOLD moves:** notable restructuring or recapitalization activities to meet competitive demands and economic challenges; other actions or accomplishments of the nominee that you consider to be **BOLD!**

Nominations will be considered from corporate (public or private), early stage and nonprofit organizations that range from small and growing to established.



## NOMINATION CRITERIA

BOLD Awards nominations will be accepted from all companies/organizations based in or doing significant business in Minnesota. The majority of team members and activities must be Minnesota-based.

ACG members and nonmembers alike are eligible for nomination.

BOLD activities must have occurred in Minnesota between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019. (Past 24 months).

## NOMINATION PROCESS

A group of outstanding M&A leaders will review, rank and select BOLD Award finalists. The jury of peer judges will include corporate leaders, entrepreneurs and service professionals.

- Eligible nominees may nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party.
- Nominations may be submitted online at [acg.org/BOLD](http://acg.org/BOLD), email to [nicki@acgmn.org](mailto:nicki@acgmn.org), fax or mail.
- The nomination form must be complete upon submission. Nominations may also include additional material (background to support the nomination, photos, letters of support, etc.).
- Nominations will be reviewed by the BOLD Awards committee.
- All nominations will be acknowledged by an email confirmation and phone call.
- All nominations will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness.
- The committee may request additional information.
- All nominees will be assessed and ranked against a set of criteria, including attendance at the pre-event nominee reception. Scores will not be published.
- Finalists will be notified in advance of the BOLD Awards celebration.
- Finalists and Award Recipients will be recognized at the BOLD Awards event on February 25, 2020.
- A **BOLDest of the BOLD** winner will be named at the conclusion of the BOLD Awards Event by an audience live vote.
- All nomination forms must be completed and submitted by November 15, 2019.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nominations Open	September 1, 2019
Nominations Close	November 15, 2019
Nomination Reception	January 9, 2020
Finalists Announced	Mid-February 2020
Winners Announced at BOLD Awards Event	February 25, 2020
BOLDest of the BOLD Winner Announced Live at Event!	February 25, 2020

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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