## COMPANY BRANDING COMPETITION 2016-17 National Online Competitions

Submission Period: 10/17/16 – 10/28/16 Judging Period: 10/29/16 – 11/21/16 Results Announced: Week of Nov 28

Firms will demonstrate their company branding through the submission of a branding package that includes the company logo, fonts, color palette and associated applications such as: company letterhead, business cards, envelopes, cover pages, sales materials, or other similar company documents. An effective brand will be memorable, versatile, relevant to the company's business, and consistently applied across all elements. A versatile logo is one that will look good when applied in different applications, such as brochures, websites, or promotional pens.

## **Submission Criteria**

Prepare a single PDF document with the following elements:

- Page 1: Logo, color palette, fonts
- Page 2: Company letterhead and one-paragraph company description
- Page 3: Business card (front & back, if applicable)
- Pages 4-6 (optional): Up to three applications of the company branding. Elements may include a cover page template, envelope, sales materials, product packaging, or other similar elements.

View a sample submission document here.

## **Judging Criteria**

Each element will be rated from 1 to 5 stars. A score of five is outstanding and a score of one needs significant improvement.

- First Impressions What is your first reaction to the branding elements presented?
- Logo, Fonts, and Color Palette How would you rate the quality of the logo, font choices, and color palette?
- *Consistency across elements* Does the brand identity extend consistently across each element? Do the various elements come together to make a cohesive whole?
- Relevance to the business Do the logo and branding elements seem to be relevant to the business or industry?

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| ****  | Well above standards | Outstanding execution: content and/or strategies are clear, comprehensive, thoughtful, and very well researched and/or developed.    |
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| ****  | Above standards      | Well executed: content and/or strategies are evident and well researched and/or developed.   |
| * * * | Meets standards      | Includes essential components: content and/or strategies are evident; most components are researched and/or developed.               |
| * *   | Below standards      | Missing essential components: content and/or strategies are not evident or unclear; research and/or development are below standards. |
| *     | Well below standards | Major flaws or section missing.  |



