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The Quest for Excellence® Conference
Gaylord National Harbor

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Overview
Organizations everywhere are looking for ways to effectively and efficiently meet their missions and achieve their visions. Thousands of organizations use the Baldrige Excellence Framework and its Criteria to guide their enterprises, improve performance, and get sustainable results. U.S. and international organizations come to Baldrige to (Im)Prove their Performance. The Baldrige Program helps organizations address a dynamic environment, focus on strategy-driven performance, achieve customer and workforce engagement, and improve governance and ethics, societal responsibilities, competitiveness, and long-term organizational sustainability. It offers you a comprehensive management approach that focuses on results in all areas, organizational and personal learning, and knowledge sharing.

You will be guiding the next generation of organizational leaders looking for success in today’s global and competitive marketplace. Regardless of your choice of sponsorship activity, your support will be visible and appreciated. To meet your needs, sponsorship opportunities are designed to fit a complete range of budgets.

The Quest for Excellence Conference
Official Conference of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

The Quest for Excellence Conference will be held at the Gaylord National Harbor, in National Harbor, MD. It is the leading conference to learn best practices from Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients. The attendees are key decision makers and influencers in their organizations, and they have demonstrated their interests in organizational improvement and personal learning. Your sponsorship of Quest will greatly enhance the conference experience for these participants.

| AUDIENCE | 1,000 CEOs, senior managers, executives, directors, heads of operating units, and quality/performance improvement leaders/practitioners are expected |
| SPEAKERS | 50+ Presenters from all sectors sharing their insight, tools, and success stories |

ATTENDEES PARTICIPATING

- business
- education
- government
- healthcare
- nonprofit
- cyber

The Quest conference will be held at the Gaylord National Harbor.

Time scheduled for networking and book signing!

A view of the ballroom from previous Quest conferences.
# Quest Conference Sponsorship Packages

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Baldrige Award Ceremony Celebration

Your passion for performance excellence will be recognized through sponsorship of the Baldrige Award Ceremony celebration held during the Annual Quest for Excellence Conference.

This event celebrates the award recipients for their outstanding achievements in performance excellence. This sponsorship will provide your company with a high level of visibility as a supporter of the Baldrige Program and Award recipients.

Baldrige Cybersecurity Workshop

An all-day interactive workshop on using the Baldrige Cybersecurity Excellence Builder. This opportunity includes exclusive sponsorship for the Baldrige Cybersecurity Pre-conference Workshop. It also includes one coffee break for attendees and each attendee receives a copy of the Baldrige Cybersecurity Excellence Builder and the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

- Recognition during the workshop
- Full-page Conference Program Ad
- Four VIP Conference Registrations
- VIP Sponsor Badging
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
- Conference program and mobile app recognition
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Keynote Speaker

Lead Sponsor

- Sponsor recognized at the beginning of the Keynote Speaker presentation as a sponsor by the Program Director
- Half-page Conference Program Ad
- Conference program and mobile app recognition
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Co-Sponsor

- Quarter-page Conference Program Ad
- Conference program and mobile app recognition
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Examiner Recognition Reception

- Sponsor recognized during the Examiner Recognition Reception
- Business card size Conference Program Ad
- Conference program and mobile app recognition
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

What Quest Attendees Are Saying

highest quality conference

This conference was of the highest quality that I’ve ever attended. What a standard! The information was delivered by people passionately working on meaningful improvements within their organization through their passion in Baldrige.
Morning Plenary Sessions  
(multiple opportunities, per session)
• Sponsor will be branded as Day 1 or Day 3  
Morning Plenary Sessions Co-Sponsor  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Concurrent Sessions  
(multiple opportunities, per session)
• Sponsor will be branded as Day 1 or Day 2  
Concurrent Sessions Co-Sponsor  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Mobile Conference App
The Mobile Conference App delivers pre-conference materials to attendees and is the resource for all conference information. The Baldrige Program will manage the content for this opportunity.  
• Sponsor’s banner appears on the app with a link to the organization’s URL (provided by the sponsor)  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Conference program and mobile app recognition  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Conference Wi-Fi
• Sponsors name will appear on the wireless network ID visible from any wireless device within the meeting space  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Conference Tote Bag  
(incl. Quest conference logo, conference date & information on one side)
Sponsor will provide 1,000 canvas tote bags to be handed out to registered attendees. The bags will carry the sponsor’s company branding and the Quest conference information on one side. Production of the bags is the responsibility of the sponsor. Bag selection and design is subject to approval by the Baldrige Program.  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Charging Stations  
(incl. Quest conference logo and information)
• Charging stations for mobile devices will be strategically placed in the registration and concurrent session areas of the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Conference program and mobile app recognition  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

NOTE: Charging stations selection and design are subject to approval. Design must include the Quest conference logo and information in predominant location. Contact the Baldrige Program for specifications before vendor selection. The coordination with the vendor is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Coffee Break
• Sponsor will be branded as coffee break sponsor/co-sponsor  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Badge Lanyard  
(incl. Quest conference information on one side)
Sponsor will provide 1,000 branded lanyards to hold attendee badges. Lanyard will be handed out to attendees. Production of the lanyards is the responsibility of the sponsor.  
• Sponsor’s branded lanyard will be worn by every attendee throughout the entire conference  
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference  
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website  
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

NOTE: Lanyard selection and design are subject to approval. The coordination with the vendor is the responsibility of the sponsor.
Reusable Eco-Friendly Water Bottles
(incl. Quest conference logo, conference date & information on one side)
Sponsor will provide 1,000 reusable eco-friendly water bottles. Water bottles will be available for attendees.
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence
NOTE: Water bottle selection and design are subject to approval. The coordination with the vendor is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Travel Mugs
(incl. Quest conference information on one side)
Sponsor will provide 1,000 travel mugs. Travel mugs will be available for attendees.
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence
NOTE: Travel mug selection and design are subject to approval. The coordination with the vendor is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Notebook Pads and Pens
(incl. Quest conference information on one side)
Sponsor will provide 1,000 logo-embossed notebook pads and pens for use during sessions. Attendees will carry the notebook pads and pens with the sponsor’s brand at the Quest conference.
• Recognition as a sponsor during the conference
• Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Program and Foundation websites, with a link to your organization’s website
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence
NOTE: Notebook pad and pen selection and design are subject to approval. The coordination with the vendor is the responsibility of the sponsor.

Quest Conference Program Ads
Advertising in the conference program is an effective way to reach attendees both during and after the conference. Position your organization as a leader by placing a conference ad in the program.
$10,000 Full-page
$5,000 Half-page
$2,500 Quarter-page
$1,000 Business card size
Quest conference ad specs, submission, deadlines, and logo download: www.nist.gov/baldrige/products-services/sponsorship-opportunities

Display Table Opportunities
Display tables are available to conference attendees the two full days of the conference.
• Display Table Space
  – 6’ draped table (one)
• Conference program and mobile app recognition
• Recognition as sponsor on the Foundation website, with a link to your organization’s website
• Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Custom Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Contact us to see how we can create a customized sponsorship for your organization.

What Quest Attendees Are Saying
Sharing of information not duplicated in other events
This free sharing of information and genuine interest and energy is not duplicated in any other professional event I attend.
Foundation Awards Sponsor

- Sponsor recognized at the beginning of the presentation
- Speaking opportunity at the beginning of the Foundation awards event (NTE three minutes)
- Full-page ad in the event program
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Foundation website, with a link to your organization’s website
- Recognition as an exclusive sponsor on Foundation promotional material
- Advertising displays at entrance and inside ballroom during the event
- Foundation VIP Guest Badging
- Corporate table for eight attendees
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

Foundation Awards Congratulatory Ads

Recognizing winners with a congratulatory ad in the Foundation Awards program is an effective way to reach attendees both during and after the conference. Position your organization as a leader by placing a congratulatory ad in the program.

- Recognized in the event program
- Recognition as sponsor on Baldrige Foundation website, with a link to your organization’s website
- Foundation VIP Guest Badging
- Recognition in the Baldrige Foundation’s Journal of Performance Excellence

$1,000 Full-page
$500 Half-page
$250 Quarter-page

Foundation Awards program ad specs can be found at – https://baldrigefoundation.org/quest-sponsorship-ad-specs-and-logo

What Quest Attendees Are Saying

great to hear different industry leaders

It was great to hear from different industry leaders on their journey and things they put into place to improve along the way.
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Sponsorship Contacts and Quest Logo Download

Quest Conference Ad Specs and Logo Download:
www.nist.gov/baldrige/quest-sponsorship-ad-specs-and-logo

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Baldrige Program Specification Questions and Approvals:
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Foundation Awards Program Ad Submission:
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sponsorship Registration:
Now Open

Registration Deadline:
February 7, 2020

Sponsorship Listing, Logo and URL Submission:
Due upon registration

Quest Conference Program Ad Deadline:
February 21, 2020

Foundation Awards Program Ad Deadline:
February 21, 2020

Materials Shipment Deadline:
February 19, 2020
(Shipping details will be supplied)

If an organization is involved as a current-year Baldrige Award Applicant or a current-year Baldrige Award Recipient, and would like to purchase a sponsorship opportunity, sponsorships are limited to $25k.

Although a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available, some opportunities are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to assign sponsorships according to the order in which applications are received. If the applied-for sponsorships are not available, you may select another option.

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The Quest for Excellence® Conference Sponsorship Registration Form

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Registration Form Submission/Sponsorship Questions
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Company/Organization Information (please print)
Company/Organization Name (as you would like it listed)

_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Contact Person_____________________________________ Authorized Signature ________________________________
Street Address _______________________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip/Postal Code _____________________________________________________________________________
Telephone ___________________________ Fax ___________________________
Email Address ______________________________________Company/Org. website __________________________

Quest Sponsorship Packages
☐ Platinum $50,000 ☐ Gold $30,000 ☐ Silver $20,000

Quest Sponsorship Events
☐ Baldrige Award Ceremony Celebration Call for Details
☐ Baldrige Cybersecurity Workshop $50,000
☐ Keynote Speaker
☐ $30,000 lead sponsor
☐ $10,000 co-sponsors
☐ Examiner Recognition Reception $10,000

Quest Sponsorship Opportunities
Morning Plenary Sessions
☐ $10,000
Concurrent Sessions
☐ $10,000
☐ Conference Mobile App $10,000
☐ Conference Wi-Fi $10,000
☐ Conference Tote Bag $5,000+ ☐ Charging Stations $5,000+
☐ Coffee Break
☐ $7,500 lead sponsor
☐ $3,000 co-sponsors
☐ Badge Lanyard $2,500+
☐ Reusable Water Bottles $2,500+
☐ Travel Mugs $2,500+
☐ Notebook Pads and Pens $2,500+

Baldrige Foundation Sponsorship Opportunities
☐ Foundation Awards Sponsor $20,000
Foundation Awards Congratulatory Ads
☐ $1,000 full-page ☐ $500 half-page ☐ $250 quarter-page

*All prices are for one year and are subject to change.

Custom Sponsorship Opportunities Available: 614.785.0214/jracette@baldrigefoundation.org