

**The Partnership for Excellence
2016 Application Fees
2 Levels of Application: (Advising & Partnering) and (Examining)**

	ADVISING & PARTNERING		EXAMINING
Application due date	Organizations can apply at the Advising & Partnering Level at any time of the year (<i>fee is due with application</i>)		Intent to Apply due Aug. 15 <i>(with one-half of the application fee);</i> Full Application due Dec. 1 <i>(with remaining half of application fee)</i>
	Advising	Partnering	Examining
Application & page requirements	5 page Organizational Profile only.	25 page Abbreviated Application only. <i>Organizational Profile plus 25-page Application addressing the overall item requirements (Boldface questions in shaded area in 1.1-7.5).</i>	50 page Full Application based on the entirety of the Baldrige Excellence Framework. <i>Organizational Profile plus 50-page application addressing all of the framework including the multiple item requirements (Questions 1.1a - 7.5a(2)).</i>
	Not due at time of Application, but written & submitted after TPE workshop.		Full Application due on Dec 1st.
TPE Assessment Team	1-2 Examiners	1-2 Examiners	5-8 Member Team from Board of Examiners
TPE Feedback	Written Feedback and Key Factors	Abbreviated Feedback Report	Full Feedback Report
Site Visits	Workshop to start the Advising phase	Customized outline delivered to start 25 page Application phase	3 day site visit by Examiner Team**
Recognition	<i>Spirit Award at TPE Conference</i>	<i>Pioneer Award at TPE Conference</i>	<i>Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Award at TPE Conference</i>
Advising & Partnering Fees <i>(All fees are due with application and non-refundable)</i>		Examining Fees <i>(All fees are non-refundable)</i>	
Organization's Size	Fee	Organization's Size	Fees
Fewer than 400 Employees	\$3,850.00	99 or Fewer Employees	\$2,975.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (1 OCT)</i> \$2,975.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> Total = \$5,950.00 <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>
400 or More Employees	\$4,975.00	100 to 499 Employees	\$3,965.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (1 OCT)</i> \$3,965.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> Total = \$7,930.00 <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>
		500 or more Employees	\$4,925.00 <i>Intent to Apply Fee (1 OCT)</i> \$4,925.00 <i>Application Fee (1 DEC)</i> \$9,850.00 <i>This fee does not include examiner lodging**</i>

IMPORTANT NOTE ON LODGING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH SITE VISIT:

**In addition to the Intent to Apply & Examining fees, full applicants are required to provide lunch for the examining team during the site visit. Additionally, TPE makes every effort to assign examiners who are geographically close to the applicant's site visit location. Where TPE cannot find local examiners, applicants are required to pay for examiner lodging. This will be identified and communicated in writing prior to the site visit. All lodging will remain within federal government per diem rates.