**BCCTaipei Better Business Awards**

**Social Enterprise Award**

**2025 Guidance and Criteria**

Please provide any supporting documents as separate attachments when you send this application in.

Please answer the criteria in the space provided in English or Chinese

**Company Name (English/Chinese):**

**Company Website:**

**Contact Person:**

▪ Name:

▪ Email:

▪ Phone Number:

**Judging Criteria**

1. **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Category**
   * Please indicate which category of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals your company is applying for:
     + Goal 1: No Poverty
     + Goal 2: Zero Hunger
     + Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being for People
     + Goal 4: Quality Education
     + Goal 5: Gender Equality
     + Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
     + Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
     + Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
     + Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
     + Goal 10: Reducing Inequalities
     + Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
     + Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
     + Goal 13: Climate Action
     + Goal 14: Life Below Water
     + Goal 15: Life on Land
     + Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
     + Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals
2. **Focus on Environmental or Social Issue**
   * Describe the environmental or social issue that your Social Enterprise focuses on and why. (Limit to 600 words)
     + What is the social issue your organisation wants to address?
     + What is the cause of the social issue?
     + What social goal do you aim to achieve?
3. **Solution and Impact**
   * Provide evidence of how your Social Enterprise addresses the issue through your solution, whether it's product or service-based. (Limit to 600 words)
     + What is the solution provided to solve the issue?
     + What positive impacts have been created?
     + How do you evaluate the social impacts of the solution?
4. **Innovation and Differentiation**
   * Explain how your product or service uses innovative methods to break away from business as usual. (Limit to 600 words)
     + How does your approach differ from traditional business practices?
     + What are the innovative elements of your solution?
     + How do these innovative factors contribute to the positive impact?
5. **Sustainability of the Business Model**
   * Explain how the business model of your Social Enterprise is sustainable. (Limit to 500 words)
     + What is the business model of your Social Enterprise?
     + How much funding does your Social Enterprise need annually or for the entire case period?
     + How is the funding used, and where do you source it from?
   * **Bonus Question:** If you provide financial reports or information demonstrating the sustainability of your business model over the past two years (FY2023, FY2022), bonus points will be awarded.
6. **Governance and ESG Integration**
   * Provide evidence of how your Social Enterprise maintains transparent governance and aligns with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. (Limit to 500 words)
     + Does your Social Enterprise choose responsible partners in the supply chain?
     + Does your Social Enterprise strive to reduce environmental costs during operations?
     + How does your Social Enterprise address the needs of employees and stakeholders?

**Why the Social Enterprise Award?**

Social enterprises use business-driven approaches to address critical social and environmental challenges. While these enterprises tackle complex issues—from inequality to sustainability—they often achieve growth comparable to traditional businesses. Globally, social enterprise has become a powerful model of social innovation, combining impact with economic resilience through sustainable business practices.

In Taiwan, social enterprise development is still emerging but is gaining momentum and recognition. Building a thriving ecosystem for social enterprises requires the collaboration of the public sector, the business community, and civil society. Only through such cross-sector cooperation can we unlock continuous innovation, long-term impact, and inclusive growth.

The Social Enterprise Award, part of the BCCTaipei Better Business Awards, recognises outstanding Taiwan-based social enterprises (registered as company limited or company limited by shares) that are creating measurable social or environmental impact through innovative business models.

This year, the award is proudly sponsored by **Bechtel** and its Taiwan subsidiary **Pacific Engineers & Constructors Ltd (PECL),**global leadersin engineering, construction, and project management, known for delivering transformative infrastructure that improves quality of life. With a deep commitment to sustainability, community development, and inclusive growth, Bechtel brings invaluable perspective to the judging process and visibility to social entrepreneurs solving real-world problems. Their involvement highlights the importance of linking impact-driven ventures with infrastructure, innovation, and global networks.

This award aims to spotlight social enterprises with scalable solutions, strong governance, and meaningful community engagement. It also serves as a platform to foster collaboration between mission-driven startups, commercial enterprises, and potential investors, encouraging future partnerships and sustainable growth.

Submissions are encouraged to be team efforts but must be submitted under the name of a specific registered company.

**Categories**

Nominations/entries can be made under one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

* Goal 1: No Poverty
* Goal 2: Zero Hunger
* Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being for People
* Goal 4: Quality Education
* Goal 5: Gender Equality
* Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
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* Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

**Criteria**

1. Clarify the Relation of Social Enterprise and Social Issue (25%)
2. Sustainable Business Model (20%)
   * Additional points will be awarded for the Bonus question (3%)
3. Realistic Economic Value and Social Impact (20%)
4. Transparent Governance (20%)
5. Innovative Product or Service Solution (15%)

**How to Submit**

Organisations can submit up to two pieces of supporting evidence, explicitly referred to or linked within the submission. Evidence can be attached to the submission form or emailed along with it.

Submissions may include hyperlinks to internal or external websites within the word limit if relevant.

The content of the submission and evidence should cover activities that have taken place within the 24 months preceding the award deadline.

Email your application to **BBAMarketing@bcctaipei.com** by Sunday, **17 August 2025**.