

Application: 7501

Abdulrhman Alqarni -Visionary Executive Driving National Innovation

Page: General Information

Provide information about the company to be considered for the award. If you will be nominating an individual, specify the nominee's employer.

Name of Organization/Company

Multi-Government Contributor (Saudi Arabia)

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Entry Title

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Category

N10. Executive of the Year - Government Technology

Executive Nominee Submission Format

Written Answers

a. Briefly describe the nominated executive's employer: the organization's history and past performance (up to 200 words). Required

The nominated executive operates as an independent government advisor, collaborating directly with some of Saudi Arabia's most critical national entities. His strategic influence extends across the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha), the General Authority for State Real Estate (SPGA), the Ministry of Municipalities and Housing, and the Ministry of Finance — four pillars at the heart of Vision 2030's transformation agenda.

Rather than being embedded within one agency, the nominee has operated at an executive level across these organizations, introducing unified digital governance models, asset transparency reforms, and strategic frameworks to bridge institutional silos. These efforts led to measurable nationwide outcomes, including reclaimed assets, advanced performance auditing, and regulatory breakthroughs.

His multi-agency executive model is unprecedented in its autonomy and national-scale impact. It represents a rare convergence of public innovation, integrity leadership, and cross-sector integration. The nominee's approach has been featured by Forbes, Business Insider, and the Associated Press, and recognized by the Global Recognition Awards as a first-of-its-kind achievement. The institutions he serves—collectively—reflect a forward-looking model of governance, elevated by his independent executive contribution.

b. Outline the nominated executive's achievements since the beginning of 2023 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words). Required

Since early 2023, Abdulrhman Mesfer Alqarni has led transformative reform across multiple Saudi ministries, redefining public sector governance and innovation. His landmark achievement—the Digital Oversight System for High-Risk Government Activities—is a real-time platform monitoring procurement and financial flows, praised by the World Bank and now adopted nationwide.

He pioneered the Dual Disbursement Prevention Principle, endorsed by the Royal Court, recovering billions in wasted funds. His Illicit Enrichment Jurisdiction Framework, approved by the Council of Ministers in 2024, reshaped national-level anti-corruption enforcement. He also built unified platforms for asset protection (Amlak), internal audit, and fiscal oversight—delivering measurable gains to Vision 2030 goals.

Internationally, Abdulrhman played a lead advisory role representing Saudi Arabia in UN anti-corruption frameworks and G20 global integrity platforms, where his digital governance models were cited as innovation blueprints for developing nations—elevating the Kingdom's presence in global policy arenas.

In 2023, he became the first Saudi to win the GCC Excellence Award in Integrity. In 2025, he made history as the first-ever individual to receive the Global Recognition Award in all of the following nine categories: Leadership, Government Innovation, Strategic Impact, Institutional Innovation, Transparency, Digital Transformation, Governance, Reform, and Public Value. According to GRA's official spokesperson, "Alqarni's achievements represent a powerful blend of political innovation, practical execution, and visionary leadership—setting a new global standard for modern governance."

His leadership is a global benchmark in how bold strategy, ethics, and technology can drive sustainable national change—and inspire systems worldwide.

c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other executives in your industry and/or to the nominee's past performance (up to 250 words). Required

Abdulrhman Alqarni's achievements are unmatched in their breadth, strategic depth, and national relevance. Unlike many executives who focus within a single organization, Abdulrhman has successfully led systemic reforms across multiple ministries—each with different mandates, stakeholders, and operational complexities. This rare cross-agency leadership, executed without the backing of a formal institutional umbrella, is what sets his profile apart.

While many public executives concentrate on service delivery or digital transformation, Abdulrhman re-engineered the entire ecosystem of governance, transparency, and fiscal integrity. For example, his development of the Dual Disbursement Prevention Principle and its nationwide adoption outpaces similar initiatives even in more digitally mature economies. The Illicit Enrichment Framework he spearheaded was not just a legal update—it filled a longstanding national gap, delivering real legislative impact and closing loopholes that previously enabled corruption.

His work stands apart not only in complexity, but in outcome. While the global average for executive-driven national innovation programs is limited in scope or slows due to bureaucracy, Abdulrhman's approach yielded measurable financial returns, institutional stability, and global recognition within 18 months—unparalleled by peers.

Internationally, no public executive in the Gulf region to date has received simultaneous commendation from the World Bank, UN anti-corruption platforms, the G20, and global media outlets like Forbes and AP. His selection as the first-ever winner of a GRA award in nine separate fields confirms that his work is not only unique—it defines a new benchmark for public sector leadership in the 21st century.

d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional

This nomination is supported by a strong set of independently verified sources, including international media, official appointments, and globally recognized awards.

1. Global Recognition Awards (GRA) 2025: Abdulrhman Mesfer Alqarni became the first individual to win across nine major categories—Leadership, Innovation, Governance, Transparency, Reform, Digital Transformation, Institutional Innovation, Public Value, and Strategic Impact.

2. International Media: Outlets such as Forbes Bahrain, Associated Press, and Business Insider highlighted his groundbreaking reforms, recovery of billions in public funds, and leadership in shaping G20 and UN anti-corruption initiatives.

3. GRA Official Commentary: GRA spokesperson Alex Sterling praised Alqarni's work as "a compelling combination of policy innovation and practical execution," calling it a global benchmark.

4. Saudi National & Social Media: Verified accounts like First Saudi, ExecutivesKSA, and Shaabcom acknowledged his global recognition and alignment with Vision 2030.

5. Government Appointment: His role as Advisor and Director General to the Vice Minister of Municipalities and Housing is officially documented on KSA Decisions, confirming his national leadership status.

6. Biographical Platforms: Sites like Manhom.com and Eklil chronicle his multi-ministerial leadership and international collaborations.

7. National Press: Publications including Al-Watan, MENAFN, and Nabd credit him with award-winning strategies that elevated his ministry to top national KPI rankings.

These sources collectively validate Alqarni's impactful, innovative, and measurable contributions on both national and international levels.

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