



REGION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS Eligibility & Criteria

Nominations can be projects, programs, or plans completed in a city, town, village or county in the Centralina region. To be considered for nomination, the project, program or plan must be currently underway or completed during Calendar Year 2015. Communities may make multiple submittals. Each submittal must be on a separate award application form.

Please consider the following award criteria in your application:

- Innovation and creativity
- Program success and sustainable benefits
- Commitment to goals
- Engagement of community members
- Contributions to Regionalism
- Interaction with public and private partners

AWARD CATEGORIES

"CONTROLLING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT"

Local governments are being asked to do more with less at a time when the role of government is under increasing scrutiny. Governments must make optimum use of resources as we improve and build the systems required for growth.

The recipient of this award has been creative in implementing a new or innovative program or initiative that is effective and delivers the most value with public funds. Such program exemplifies efficiency through: utilizing economies of scale; partnering with other local governments to maximize the impact of public funds; and/or encouraging best practices to maintain or expand services.

"GROWING THE ECONOMY"

Growing the economy is vitally important to the health of the region. To achieve a strong, diverse economy, we need to ensure economic growth occurs in areas where people live throughout the region.

The recipient of this award has implemented innovative solutions to community development/investment challenges and engages in best practice strategies that: utilize public/private sector partnerships to maximize investment opportunities; prepares existing sites and infrastructure to meet the needs of target industries; and/or implements economic development including job creation/retention initiatives, etc.

"IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE"

The communities in the region must work to ensure that they can be lifelong communities where people have a high quality of life, regardless of age or disability.

The recipient of this award best leverages resources to improve the quality of life for citizens. The award recipient has implemented innovative program offerings such as those that: enhance social equity; encourage community participation through public and private sector leadership; develop solutions that build on the community's strengths and improve upon its weaknesses; or use cooperative volunteerism to maintain or expand services.

**The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition will also recognize an organization that best demonstrates excellence in clean transportation and clean fuel activities.*

AWARD SCHEDULE

Application Deadline:
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Award Recipients Notified:
Friday, May 6, 2016

Award Ceremony:
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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