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CALL FOR ENTRIES



*Kern Council of Governments'
Regional Awards Program...*

*...Honoring individuals
and organizations dedicated
to improving Kern County's
quality of life through
innovative, cooperative,
regional efforts*



To the Residents of Kern County:

Kern Council of Governments is pleased to present its Seventeenth Annual Regional Awards of Merit Program, March 4th, 2010 at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield. This special event provides Kern County residents the opportunity to thank and honor citizens, community-based organizations and public officials who have made, and are still making, significant contributions to this region's quality of life. Those who will be recognized are the impetus behind valuable programs and projects and have dedicated themselves to this area's success.

You are cordially invited to submit your nominations celebrating both the pacesetters and visionary projects that have contributed significantly to our region in 2008.

Thank you for your support,



Steve Morgan
2009 Chair
Kern Council of Governments

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Regional Award of Merit For Distinguished Leadership

...offers three opportunities for recognition of individuals and groups demonstrating excellence in leadership, and promoting strong, representative local government and regionalism.

- Distinguished Leadership Award to an Elected Official
- Distinguished Leadership Award to a Public Official *
- Distinguished Leadership Award to a Public Group or Individual

The Ken Volpe Regional Award of Merit For Environmental Resources and Conservation

...is presented to an individual or organization taking leadership role in promoting conservation of resources.

Regional Award of Merit For Journalism

...recognizes a media representative, or outlet which, through a specific program/article, a series, or career of service, has contributed to public understanding of regional issues.

Regional Award of Merit For Transportation

...is presented to an individual or organization for contributions to improving transportation within the region.

- Transportation Award for Worksite Trip Reduction Coordination
- Transportation Award for Public Group or Individual
- Transportation Achievements

Regional Award of Merit For Lifetime Achievement

...offers three opportunities for recognition of those individuals who have shown dedication and leadership:

- In the course of their careers.
- In consistent efforts to improve the region over many years.
- In service for the public good.
 - Lifetime Achievement Award to an Elected Official
 - Lifetime Achievement Award to a Public Official *
 - Lifetime Achievement Award to a Private Citizen

Regional Award of Merit For Community Involvement

...honors volunteer services of citizens taking a leadership role in improving or enhancing visual quality, service availability, or public-private partnerships.

Regional Award of Merit For Local Government

...recognizes excellence of individuals or organizations at the local government level for cooperative service, delivery, productivity improvements or public-private partnerships.

Richard A. Maxwell Regional Award of Merit For Public Safety

...is presented to an individual or an organization for contributions to improving public safety within the region.

*Public official is defined as planning commissioners and public staff.

Nomination Guide

Eligibility

Individuals, public and private entities, educational institutions, and service organizations in Kern County that have demonstrated outstanding achievement in any of the categories are eligible nominees.

Judging

Nominations may be submitted by any individual, organization or agency in Kern County. Nominees will be judged by a peer committee appointed by directors of Kern Council of Governments.

Completed nomination forms and accompanying support documents are the only materials that will be used to judge each entry.

Deadline

All nominations for the 2009 Regional Awards of Merit program must be received by Kern Council of Governments, 1401 19th Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93301 by 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

Notification of Winners

Winners will be notified by mail and awards will be announced at the March 4, 2010 reception, at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield.

More Information

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Robert Phipps at Kern Council of Governments (661) 861-2191, or email: rphipps@kerncog.org

Preparing Your Entry

To prepare your entry, attach the official entry form (or a copy) to a typewritten submission of not more than two pages, describing why you think the individual or organization deserves a Regional Award of Merit. The submission **must** be accompanied by **at least 10** photo-quality or electronic images that present a comprehensive mosaic of the nominee's accomplishments.

At least one image must be of the individual nominee or program itself. This image may consist of a sign or logo, if that is the only available resource to visually distinguish the nominee from other programs or projects. All materials become the property of Kern Council of Governments and will not be returned.

The following points must be addressed when preparing your entry:

- **Originality**
Is this an innovative concept or a refinement of existing techniques and procedures?
- **Transferability**
Can this concept or approach be sustained in a different environment?
- **Quality**
Does this concept/person display excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics and character or presentation?
- **Importance**
Is this concept/person recognized as significant to the study area or field of planning?
- **Implementation**
Is the work effective? Has it been carried out to completion? Does it show promise of being implemented?
- **Comprehensiveness**
Have planning principles been observed, especially in considering the effects of the project on other public objectives?
- **Community Improvement**
Has the project/principle provided lasting results and improved the local quality of life?
- **Regionalism**
How does the project contribute to a better regional community or foster a regional identity?

Please mail, email or walk in the complete submission with all supporting documentation and images to:

Robert Phipps, Administrative Analyst
Kern Council of Governments
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Sorry, project descriptions that exceed the two-page limit or nominations that do not include images will be rejected.

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Entry deadline: Friday, December 4, 2009

Category: _____

(Please submit separate nominations for each category being included.)

Person(s) or Organization(s) Nominated: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Person(s) or Organization(s) Submitting Nomination

Name & Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Make copies of this form for each entry.