


2010-2011 *SDAO Awards Program*

What is the SDAO Awards Program?

The Special Districts Association of Oregon's Awards Program gives recognition to member districts for accomplishments which allow them to provide better service to the public and honors individuals who have greatly contributed to the success of their organization. These awards celebrate the ingenuity, creativity, and diversity of our members.

Within this program are two special recognition awards; the Outstanding Special District Program award, and the Outstanding Special District Service award. Winning an award the highest level of professional acknowledgment.



Outstanding Special District Program

This award category recognizes innovative projects and programs, outstanding safety, public information, public involvement in a district decision making process, and outstanding achievement.

Efforts in these areas are considered in light of available resources (i.e., smaller districts may have significantly fewer resources than larger districts); therefore, three subcategories have been established for this award:

- Districts with 5 or fewer employees
- Districts with 6-25 employees
- District with 26 or more employees

Outstanding Special District Service

This award category recognizes individuals who have contributed substantially to the improvement and successful operation of his or her special district. Four subcategories have been established for this award:

- Board Member
- Manager
- Employee
- Volunteer

SDAO Board and Trust members are ineligible to be nominated for the service award.

How do I submit an application?

Complete the official 2010-2011 SDAO Awards Program nomination form which is available at www.sdao.com/awards.htm. Please respond to each question, attaching additional pages if necessary. Submit completed nomination form(s) to: SDAO, PO Box 12613, Salem, Oregon 97309-0613. Or, e-mail: sdao@sdao.com. Nomination forms must be received by **October 1, 2010** to be considered for the 2010-2011 Awards Program.

How are entries judged?

Applications will be reviewed in October by the 2010-2011 Awards Committee using standard evaluation features such as: impact for other districts, positive results, special purpose, increased safety, cost savings, improved quality of service, innovation, and community need.

The 2010-2011 Awards Committee members are:

- Lori Stirn, Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation District
- Betty Lucht, Klamath Emergency Communications
- Geoff Sinclair, Special Districts Association of Oregon
- Cyndi Lewis-Wolfram, Clackamas River Water
- Donna Nichols, Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

What happens if I win?

Award winners will be notified in November 2010. Winners may accept the award in person at the SDAO Annual Conference Awards Banquet held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 in Eugene, Oregon. Recipients who are unable to attend the conference may have someone accept the award on their behalf, or may request to have their award mailed to them.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Luanne Richey at the SDAO office, 800.285.5461 or send an e-mail to lrichey@sdao.com.

Your hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence are appreciated. We look forward to reviewing your nominations!

Nomination Form

2010-2011 SDAO Awards Program

Category: Outstanding Special District Program Award

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District name: _____

Select one subcategory:

District has 5 or fewer employees District has 6-25 employees District has 26 or more employees

Name and title of person submitting entry: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

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1. Please provide a brief general description of the project/program being submitted.
 2. Describe the local problem or circumstances that led to the undertaking of this program. Was there a special purpose?
 3. What makes your project/program unique and/or innovative?
 4. Identify the value added (increased safety, costs savings, service improvements, etc.) as a result of the undertaking of this project/program. Who does it impact?
 5. What are the positive results of implementing your project/program? Are there other noteworthy features about your project/program that should be considered?
 6. How can this project/program can be adapted for use by other organizations? Who else may benefit by its adoption? Would significant modifications be required for implementation?



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