

BACKGROUND

The National NeighborWorks® Association (NNA) is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Excellence Awards that will provide an opportunity to recognize our outstanding colleagues.

As the Network grows and changes it is difficult to keep abreast of noteworthy projects and management systems, cheer on the executives who are new in their careers or pay homage to those who have blazed the trail for so many years. The Excellence Awards highlight individuals who foster and lead great projects and practices in the housing and community development industry and who are shining examples of the Network of Excellence.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

- ❑ The nominee must be a current member of the NeighborWorks® network and a paid, current member of NNA.
- ❑ The nominee must be present to accept the award during NNA's Excellence Awards luncheon to be held March 25, 2009 in Washington, DC at the Executive Directors Symposium.
- ❑ An individual may only be nominated for one of the three awards listed below.
- ❑ The individual's organization must rate either 'exemplary' or 'strong' by NeighborWorks® America
- ❑ Four non-NeighborWorks®, industry-related judges and prior winners will evaluate the submissions.
- ❑ Submissions must be received (electronically) to dbrown@nnwa.us by February 13, 2009.

NOMINATION SUPPORT

Briefly describe why the nominee should receive the award, organizing your response around the specific weighted criteria listed below. In describing your nominee's qualifications be sure to explain personal characteristics, career goals, organizational drive, positive impact and overall community improvement the individual has accomplished.

Response to these questions and the criteria below will be the basis for selection. Comprehensive, concise and thoughtful information is greatly encouraged. Please limit submission to three pages and **organize one page per each of the three criteria**. You may also attach a resume or letter(s) of recommendation. Please also provide a photograph. Specific criteria:

- (1) **Involvement in NNA and in Promoting Community Development and Housing Issues:** (40%): e.g. specific leadership in local, state, regional and national activities, participation in NNA Legislative Day or on NNA committee, or other demonstration of NNA support.
- (2) **Organizational Management** (30%): e.g. application of continued learning, successful projects and/or programs, positive financial standing.
- (3) **Organizational Accomplishments:** (30%): e.g. new programs/initiatives, local/state/national recognition for organization's recent accomplishments.

THE AWARDS...

Lifetime Achievement

CASH PRIZE - \$5,000

This Award recognizes an executive director who has served in an executive position in the housing or community development field for more than twenty-years and has made a significant contribution.

Practitioner of the Year

CASH PRIZE - \$3,000

This Award recognizes an executive director, staff, or board member who has been particularly successful with special projects, turnaround accomplishments, internal operations, best practices, and/or any other special accomplishment or contribution to the industry and the Network.

Emerging Leader

CASH PRIZE - \$3,000

This Award recognizes an executive director with less than five years with an NWO whose energy and innovation has improved the value of his or her NWO and the Network.