



10th Annual Community and Economic Research Awards

The C2ER Community and Economic Research Awards program recognizes the contribution of research activities to the success of local, regional, or state/provincial economic development initiatives.

Purpose of award:

The purpose of the award is to increase the quality of economic development research by identifying meritorious projects and promoting the diffusion of creative ideas for research activities.

Eligibility:

All C2ER members are eligible to receive the award. Eligible projects are those in which the nominated research office plays a coordinating role in which research activities play an integral part in the success of an economic development program, project or activity. The programs, projects, or activities nominated may include those serving national, state/provincial, regional and local areas. Ongoing programs or projects started within the last 24 months are eligible.

Project Categories:

Nominations should respond to one of the following categories of research activity:

- ❑ Projects supporting business development activities
- ❑ Data collection/dissemination efforts, including web-based systems
- ❑ Policy analysis
- ❑ Project impact/program evaluation or assessment
- ❑ Projects supporting collaborative community/regional initiatives

Award Application:

Applicants should submit a brief summary - no more than 3 pages that describes the project's goals and objectives and highlights its innovation nature.

Award Review Criteria:

Judges will review the nominated research or analysis for:

1. Contribution to applied community and economic development research field
2. Innovation in approach or implementation
3. Unique approach to using researchers as part of the economic development team
4. Response to customer needs
5. Economic or other benefits that have resulted from implementing the project
6. Quality of product or process
7. Replicability for other C2ER members

Application Process:

Applicants should submit a completed copy of the **C2ER Community and Economic Research Awards** application form; a narrative that address's the above criteria (3 pages in length) and relevant attachments.

Submit in electronic format (pdf versions preferred) to sam@c2er.org. If unable to submit information electronically please mail 8 copies of each item to the following mailing address: C2ER at PO Box 100127 Arlington, VA 22210 (for overnight delivery send to 3330 N. Washington Blvd, 2nd Floor, Suite 250, Arlington, VA 22201). Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 13, 2009.

Selection Process:

Judges reviewing award nominations will include representatives from the C2ER membership including practitioner researchers, academics, site location/business consultants, marketing publications representatives, and Federal agencies. The panel may select up to one winner in each category and an overall award for a cross-cutting project. C2ER reserves the right to assign a nomination to a different category. C2ER also reserves the right to not select a winner in all categories.

Awards Presentation:

Awards will be presented at the C2ER 49th Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday June 5, 2009. Award winners may be asked to make a brief presentation about their winning project at a morning breakout session.