



## The Governor's Smart Communities Awards for 2007

*For Outstanding Achievement in Creating Livable and Vibrant Communities*

### Request for Nominations

The Governor's Smart Communities Awards program recognizes outstanding efforts of local communities and their partners throughout the state to create quality communities through achieving the goals of the Growth Management Act and other community development objectives.

This is the second year of the Governor's Smart Communities Awards program.

Excellent work is occurring around the state, and this awards program highlights those successes.

Governor Chris Gregoire will present the awards at a special reception.

#### **Selection Process:**

A panel of statewide leaders in growth management and community development will review the nominations and select the winners.

**Nominations must be postmarked by August 16, 2007.**

#### **Categories:**

**A: Smart Vision Award – (Comprehensive Planning):** Local governments only are invited to submit nominations in this category. Entries include adoption or amendment of comprehensive plans, subarea plans, urban design plans, downtown revitalization plans, rural plans, transportation plans, and others.

**B: Smart Choices Award – (Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan):** For local governments and other public sector agencies, nominations are sought that show how well a local plan is being carried out. Entries include local ordinances, capital facilities efforts, critical areas projects, pedestrian improvements, public education programs, design review, parks, recreation and open space projects, transportation projects, permitting improvements, and others. Programs that offer incentives for achieving quality communities also may be nominated in this category.

**C: Smart Partnerships Award – (Development Project to Implement a Comprehensive Plan):** The private sector is encouraged to enter in this category. Public-private partnerships also are welcome. Entries include mixed-use developments, neotraditional development, historic preservation, infill development, affordable housing, and others.

#### **Criteria:**

1. Demonstrates excellence in comprehensive planning. (A)
2. Demonstrates comprehensive actions to directly implement an adopted comprehensive plan. (B, C)
3. Demonstrates tangible benefits to the community. (B, C)
4. Achieves community's vision as articulated in comprehensive plan. (B, C)
5. Demonstrates innovative, thorough, and meaningful public participation. (A, B, C)
6. Clearly carries out the goals and requirements of the Growth Management Act or other documented community development objectives. (A, B, C)
7. Offers an innovative solution or a model for other communities. (A, B, C)
8. Fits context of community and neighborhood. (C)
9. Demonstrates quality design and sustainable principles. (C)

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### **Procedure for Submitting Nomination:**

Follow the instructions located to the right side of this page.

Materials need to be placed in a lightweight three-ring portfolio.

Please provide five hard copies.

Nominations should be mailed to:

Julie Knackstedt  
Growth Management Services  
CTED  
P.O. Box 42525  
Olympia, WA 98504-2525  
Phone: 360.725.3053  
E-mail: [JulieK@cted.wa.gov](mailto:JulieK@cted.wa.gov)

Nominations may also be hand delivered by 5:00 p.m., August 17, 2007, to:

Growth Management Services  
Davis Williams Building,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
906 Columbia Street SW  
Olympia, WA 98504

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*Sponsored by:  
Washington State Department  
of Community, Trade and  
Economic Development*

### **Information:**

- Eligible projects or plans must have been completed **between January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006.**
- Two winners will be selected in each category.
- Each applicant will be notified of the judges' decision.

### **Instructions:**

- Provide information for each line item listed below in a three-ring portfolio with the cover page on top for each nomination. **Limit of 15 pages**, including attachments, for the complete nomination. CD's of attachments will be counted as one page.
  - Apply in one category per nomination.
  - Nominations may be submitted by a single entity or a partnership.
1. Nomination Cover Page Form
    - Indicate the award category that is applicable to the nomination.
    - Include your name, address, and telephone number in the space marked "Nominated By." If someone other than you is to be notified of the status of the nomination or award, please include that information in the "Contact Person" section.
    - List the names of all recipients that should appear on the award certificates.
  2. Describe briefly the plan or project. Include what the project is about, who prepared the plan, and how long it took to complete the plan or project.
  3. Tell us why you think this is an excellent plan or project and how it meets the award criteria for the chosen category. State clearly why the individual, organization, or project deserves recognition in the specific category.
  4. Explain how the plan or project is helping the community meet growth management goals and/or requirements, or other documented community development objectives.
  5. Tell us how the plan or project is benefiting the community in achieving its vision for the future as outlined in comprehensive plan.
  6. Describe how the plan or project could be used as a model for another community.
  7. Describe any innovative parts of the plan or project.
  8. Describe the public participation process used for this plan or project.
  9. Tell us how the partnership was formed and how it worked, if this application is from a public-private partnership.
  10. Submit additional materials (i.e., photographs, publications, etc.) that will help support your nomination. Be sure the complete nomination remains within the 15-page limit. Materials not marked for return may be retained by CTED for future use.
  11. Funding Information: List CTED grants or other funding used for the plan or project: List type of grant and year of grant.
  12. Provide the cost of the plan or project or an estimate, if available.
  13. Please provide a written statement from an elected official or citizen about the benefits of the plan or project.

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**NOMINATION FORM**  
**Cover Page**

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**This page to be used as the cover page for your nomination packet.**

<b>Nominee (name of project or plan):</b>	
Name of city or county:	Phone:
Address:	E-mail:

Indicate nomination category. Check only one category per nomination:

- A: Smart Vision Award (Comprehensive Planning)
- B: Smart Choices Award (Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan)
- C: Smart Partnerships Award (Development Project to Implement a Comprehensive Plan)

**Nomination Statement** (Brief description of project, 50 words or less)

<b>Contact Person</b>	
Name:	
Address:	Phone: E-mail:
<b>Nominated By</b> (if different from above)	
Name:	
Address:	Phone: E-mail:
<b>Return additional materials to:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	Phone: E-mail:

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**Checklist for Information to include with your  
 Governor's Smart Communities Awards Nomination**

**Nomination Submittal Data:**

<b>Check Off</b>	<b>List of Submittal Items</b>
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