

SACOG Salutes



Sacramento Area Council of Governments

2004 Regional Awards Nomination Package

Entry Guidelines:

Eligibility

The Regional Awards Program is open to both public and private entities either residing in or affecting the six-county SACOG region. The region includes El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

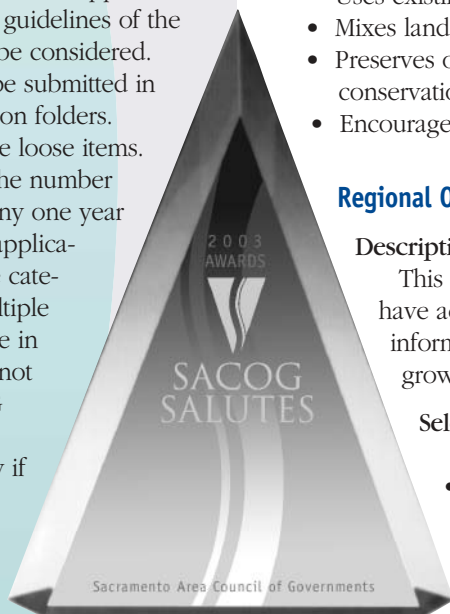
Entry Deadline

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, November 5, 2004. Mail your entry to Liz Baidoo, SACOG, 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Entries may also be submitted electronically via www.sacog.org.** Award recipients will be notified in December and honored at a ceremony preceding the SACOG Board of Director's meeting on December 16, 2004.

Entry Requirements

All entrants must submit an original application and five duplicates (a total of six copies) of the entry form and supporting materials. Each application must follow the guidelines of the nomination form to be considered. All materials **MUST** be submitted in binders or presentation folders. Please do not include loose items.

Please note that the number of awards given in any one year will depend on the applications received. Some categories may have multiple award winners, while in others winners may not be selected. SACOG may create a Special Recognition category if deemed necessary.



Award Categories:

The Bill Hughes Elected Official of the Year Award

Description:

Bill Hughes was the driving force in the expansion of the SACOG Board, bringing voices from all of the region's cities and counties to the table. He was a tremendous supporter of the Blueprint project and was chair of the SACOG Board at the time of his sudden passing in 2003. This category recognizes leadership excellence by an elected official who has made a significant contribution to transportation, air quality, or land use planning in the Sacramento region at the local, state, regional or federal level.

Selection Criteria:

- Comprehensive description of activities that promoted regional cooperation in the Sacramento region.
- Descriptions of significant accomplishments and results throughout tenure.
- Demonstration of consensus-building and public service.

Please note: Current SACOG Board members are not eligible to receive this award.

Blueprint Excellence Award

Description:

The Blueprint project is a multi-year study to optimize our transportation system through "smarter" land use planning. This category recognizes a project, organization or business for unique approaches to smart growth. The nomination can be for a plan, complete project or program that address **at least two** of the following selection criteria and promotes the increased integration of transportation and land use planning.

Selection Criteria:

- Provides a variety of transportation choices
- Offers housing choices and opportunities
- Takes advantage of compact development
- Uses existing assets
- Mixes land uses
- Preserves open space, farmland, natural beauty through natural resources conservation
- Encourages distinctive, attractive communities with quality design

Regional Organization of the Year

Description:

This category is for not-for-profit organizations or government agencies that have achieved overall excellence and made a significant effort to address, inform, and/or educate the public about transportation, air quality or smart growth issues.

Selection Criteria:

Examples of criteria used to evaluate this category are:

- Stellar public involvement campaigns
- Innovative transportation, air quality and/or smart growth plans or programs
- Integration of new technology applications

Regional Project of the Year

Description:

This category recognizes a project completed or implemented in calendar year 2003 or 2004 that has made a significant contribution to the region in transportation, air quality and/or smart growth.

Selection Criteria:

- Positive regional impacts
- Significant public input
- Environmental compatibility
- Quality design

Regional Business of the Year

Description:

This category recognizes private businesses that have made significant contributions to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth.

Selection Criteria:

This award will be selected based on innovative projects, programs or events held by the nominee to educate, promote or acknowledge programs in transportation, air quality and/or smart growth externally or internally within the business.

Citizen of the Year

Description:

This category recognizes a private citizen who participates and demonstrates leadership in public involvement activities of transportation, air quality and/or land use planning activities.

Selection Criteria:

This award will be selected based on contributions to the region through civic involvement and outreach to others in the community.

Nomination Form

Please use this form as a guideline for your entry. Only typed entries will be considered. Online submissions via www.sacog.org are encouraged.

Section I

Nominee, Organization, Address, Phone, Fax, Email

One paragraph description of nomination

Nominated by, Organization, Address, Phone, Fax, Email

Section II

Description of Program Activity or Nominee's Contributions (**Must be at least 250 words, not to exceed 1,000**).

Describe the program, activity or nominee's contributions to the region. Include any relevant information on the project (i.e.; timelines, number of people who worked on the activity, number of hours spent on the project, number of people served or affected, cost to those served, dates of program and cost of operation.)

Section III

Nominee's Regional Significance and Results (**Must be at least 250 words, not to exceed 1,000**).

Explain how this nominee has significantly contributed to regional cooperation and success. Describe the impact and benefits to those served by the nominee.

Section IV – Optional

External Endorsements

Up to three letters of recommendation may be submitted by mail or fax. Each letter must identify the nominee.

Supplemental Materials

Supplemental materials may include photographs, videotapes, marketing materials, press releases, media coverage or any other information that might assist the jury in making award decisions. All materials must be submitted with the nomination form.



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