

The Governor's 2011

Smart Communities Awards

For Outstanding Achievement in Creating Livable and Vibrant Communities



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.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of statewide leaders in growth management and community development will review the nominations and select the winners. Eligible projects or plans must have been completed between January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

In each category, three winners will be selected by:

- County
- City under 10,000 population
- City over 10,000 population

CATEGORIES:

A | Smart Vision Award – Submitted for Comprehensive Planning

Local governments only are invited to submit nominations in this category. Entries include adoption or amendment of comprehensive plans, public participation, countywide planning policies, resource lands, critical areas, subarea plans, urban design plans, downtown revitalization plans, rural plans, transportation plans.

B | Smart Choice Award – Submitted for 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, farm or forest land conservation programs, 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 Partnership Award – Submitted for 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, neo-traditional development, historic preservation, infill development, affordable housing, and others.

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Procedures for Submitting Nominations

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete a separate nomination packet for each category. Use the specific form for each award: **SMART VISION**, **SMART CHOICE**, **SMART PARTNERSHIP**.
- Nominations may be submitted by a single entity or a partnership.
- Eligible projects or plans must have been completed between:
January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.
- Limit of 7 pages, including attachments, for the complete nomination. CD's of attachments will be counted as one page. Photographs and illustrations are encouraged.
- **Deadline for Submittals:**
Email, hand delivered, or post marked by: **6:00 p.m., May 4, 2011.**
- Nominations may be submitted electronically or in hard copy. If providing hard copies, materials need to be placed in a lightweight report-style cover/portfolio. Please provide five hard copies and five CD's if attachments are included.
- This year's nomination must not have been previously submitted to the Governor's Smart Communities Award program.
- After completing electronic submittal forms (word document), save as a .pdf and attach it in an email to Julie.Knackstedt@commerce.wa.gov or mail to: Julie Knackstedt, Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services, 1011 Plum Street SE, PO Box 42525, Olympia, WA 98504-2525.

CHECKLIST:

- Nomination Form
Use the specific nomination form (**SMART VISION**, **SMART CHOICE**, **SMART PARTNERSHIP**) for the award category for which you are applying. Answer all questions as completely as possible within the 7-page limit.
- Include your name, address and telephone number in the space marked "Contact Person". 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.
- Submit the document being nominated and any additional materials (i.e., photographs, brochures, etc.) that will help support your nomination. Be sure the complete nomination remains within the 7-page limit. CD's of attachments will be counted as one page. Materials not marked for return may be retained by the Department of Commerce for future use.
- Please provide a written statement from an elected official for citizen about the benefits of the plan or project. (This does not count as one of the 7-pages)



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