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2012 Recognition Awards Entry Packet

Business Ethics and Social Involvement Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

**Outstanding Leadership in Community and
Economic Development Award**

Sponsored by:

East Central Illinois Development Corporation (ECIDC)

Eastern Illinois University (EIU)

Lake Land College (LLC)

General Information and Guidelines:

The 2012 Recognition Awards were created to honor East Central Illinois' most ethical and socially responsible businesses, most influential community and economic development leaders, and most committed volunteers. East Central Illinois as defined for these purposes includes Christian, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Jasper, Moultrie, and Shelby counties.

Please return your nomination form and narrative to: ECIDC Executive Director, 1204 Network Centre Blvd. Effingham, IL 62401 or by email to jgrunloh@lakeland.cc.il.us.

Nominations will be judged in March by a panel of members chosen from the following organizations: ECIDC, Eastern Illinois University, and Lake Land College. All award winning nominees and nominators will be notified prior to the public presentation of these awards. Winners will be recognized at the ECIDC Annual Banquet set to take place on Thursday, May 17, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham. **Deadline for all nominations regardless of award type is Monday, March 5, 2012.**

Award Overview and Eligibility:

The **Business Ethics and Social Involvement (BESI) Awards** recognize business firms and business leaders for their ethical business practices and their exemplary contributions to meeting the social needs of their communities. Specifically, the BESI Awards recognize firms and leaders for their:

- Ethically and socially-responsible business practices that positively contribute to society's well-being.

- Significant or distinctive contributions to meeting pressing social needs.

- Enlightening business practices and principled leadership.

Either individual business leaders or firms may be nominated; however, they must be engaged in for-profit business activity and can not be an active standing member of the Board of Directors or staff of the sponsoring organization. Award sponsored jointly by ECIDC, EIU, and LLC.

The **Outstanding Leadership in Community & Economic Development Award** recognizes an individual, nonprofit, or volunteer organization for their measurable success in community and economic development. Specifically, the Outstanding Leadership in Community & Economic Development Award recognizes an organization's or individual's project or program success by its/their:

- Years of experience in community and economic development.

- Significance of their community and economic development accomplishments.

- Demonstration of good networking and team approach to success.

- General advancements in community and economic development.

Any individual or nonprofit organization (or organizations if the effort was a collaborative one) that is engaged in economic and community development activities can be nominated for this award. Only one nominee will be honored with this award annually.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes a community or business leader for his/her outstanding leadership in the public and private sectors and who continually make a positive difference in the community in which he/she lives, works, and serves. Specifically, the Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual for his/her:

- Twenty or more years of experience in community and economic development.

- Significance of their community and economic development accomplishments.

- Demonstration of good networking and team approach to success.

- General advancements in community and economic development.

Any individual who meets the criteria and has performed the submitted duties within the East Central Illinois Development Corporation boundaries can be nominated to receive this award except those currently employed by ECIDC.

Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name of Individual or Organization	Telephone
Title	Fax
Contact Person (not needed for individual nomination)	Email Address
Street Address	City, State, Zip

Award Nominated For:

- Business Ethics & Social Responsibility Award Outstanding Leadership in Community & Economic Development Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator	Title
Affiliation	Phone
Fax	Email Address
Street Address	City, State, Zip

Nomination Narrative:

In one typed page tell us why the Nominee is deserving of the chosen award. Please be sure to mention specific examples on how the Nominee fits the award criteria as listed on page two of this packet. If you are printing this form, please use the back side to print the narrative.

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