CALL FOR 2017 TEXAS CHAPTER APA AWARD NOMINATIONS

has a long history of recognizing individuals, organizations and communities for exemplary contributions to planning through the Chapter’s annual Awards Program. Any individual, organization, developer or consulting firm involved in planning in Texas may participate. Awards Committee members are ineligible.

Nominated plans, projects, programs, and studies must have been completed within two years of the nomination submittal date.

For the Comprehensive, Project, Current and Long Range Awards, the award recipient shall be the client(s) for whom the planning activity was conducted. A nomination must be made by a TEXAS APA member. The categories are:

Planning Legends Award -
Given by the Chapter Executive Committee and the Chapter Historian to a practicing or retired planner who has made a significant impact on Texas planning.

Comprehensive Planning Award -
Given to an outstanding comprehensive plan addressing the development of an area, town, city, county or region (no more than 2 awards);

Project Planning Award -
Given to an outstanding plan, or study concerning a specific project (public or private), area, system, or issue within a town, city, county or region (no more than 3 awards);

Current Planning Award -
Given to an outstanding ordinance, program or process directed to the implementation of a plan (no more than 3 awards);

Community of the Year Award -
Given to a town, city or county For providing an outstanding contribution to planning (1 award);

Student Project Award -
Given in recognition of a research or planning project by an individual or team of students in an accredited graduate planning program (1 award);

Journalism Award -
Given to a Texas newspaper, magazine, or TV station for a story/series on Texas planning. (1 award);

Texas Chapter Award –
The host Section may nominate an individual candidate from outside the planning profession (1 award);

Long Range Planning Award –
Given to an outstanding plan that concentrates on a single long-range element (1 award);

Planning Official Award –
For an outstanding appointed and elected planning official (2 awards);

Chapter President’s Award -
The TEXAS APA President shall present this award to a planner of his/her choice, based on outstanding service to the planning profession.

Awards Committee
The Executive Committee of the TEXAS APA Board has appointed an Awards Committee responsible for conducting the TEXAS APA awards program. All awards shall be made at the sole discretion of the Awards Committee, except for the Chapter President’s Award and the Planning Legends Award.

Selection Criteria
The following criteria shall be used by the Awards Committee in its consideration of award nominations:

Innovation -
Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures;

Transferability -
Potential application to other areas or projects;

Quality -
Excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics and presentation;

Implementation -
Effectiveness in achieving intended results; and,

Comprehensiveness -
Application of planning principles, taking into account the broad effects of the project or activity on other public objectives.

Award honorees will be notified by the TEXAS APA President and will be invited to attend the Awards Luncheon to be held at the 2017 APA Texas Chapter Fall conference, November 3rd in Frisco, Texas.

Nominations should be submitted to:
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