

PLANNING AWARD

About

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Please prepare the following info to submit online:

1. Your Name, Title, Agency, Email, Phone and Relationship to Nominee
2. Nominee's Name, Title, Agency, Email, and Phone
3. Agency's Name, Primary Contact, Contact Title, Email and Phone
4. If a private planning firm/consultant or firm should be recognized along with the individual/agency as part of this nomination, please provide their contact information: Name of Firm/Consultant, Primary Consultant, Contact's Title, Email, and Phone
5. What is the title or name of the project whose planning process is being recognized?
6. Is the nominee an ORPA member? (ORPA will verify membership)
7. Tell us about the plan that resulted from the planning effort that is being nominated. Describe the type of facility planned, or if the project is an overarching plan, briefly summarize the planned facilities in the document. (2,000 character max)
8. Describe the planning process for the project or facility, including an overview of the process, model planning practices that were used, the timeline from concept to development, any unique or unusual challenges encountered in the planning process, and the ways in which this planning effort was exceptional. (2,000 character max)
9. Describe who was involved in the planning process and the role of each in the process, including agency staff, consultants, community representatives, and other partners. What innovative techniques, if any, were used to engage the community in the planning process? (2,000 character max)
10. List the total budget and describe any public and private funding source(s) used. (1,000 character max)
11. Describe the impact of the planning process. How did it affect the project?
12. Any other information about the nominee that you think should be considered (1,000 character max)
13. You must agree to submit a 2-3 minute video or slide presentation that highlights your nominee's achievements if they are selected. If the production of a video is impossible, a 2-3 minute slide presentation with accompanying script would suffice.
14. Nominees are also encouraged to submit poster boards of the project that will be displayed in the exhibit hall during the conference.

How to nominate someone:

Go to the following survey monkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ORPAPlanning>
Submit all information that you have prepared (above)

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Selection Criteria

The Planning Process (40%)

- Unusual/unique challenges encountered in the planning process
- Timeline from concept to development
- Agency/Consulting principles involved in the planning process
- Planning budget

Engagement (30%)

- Community and partner engagement in the planning process
- Innovative community engagement techniques
- Equitability and inclusivity of the engagement process

Immediate and Long Term Impacts (30%)

- How the planning process affected the project and use of the resulting facility or plan
- Increased or improved capacity to deliver services as a result of the plan
- Provided a substantial community benefit or noticeable positive change