

Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award



The world's largest source of surface freshwater is in peril and needs leadership to protect it. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI) is a bi-national coalition of mayors and other local officials that works actively with federal, state, provincial, tribal and first nation governments to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

While large cities have the resources to act, small cities – with populations of under 100,000 – often do not. The Wege Small Cities Sustainability Best Practices Award program awards \$5,000 to one small GLSLCI member city in the U.S. or Canada working to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence and improve the quality of the water resource for future generations. This award was originated by the host of the GLSLCI 2007 annual meeting, the City of Grand Rapids, with support from the Wege Foundation. GLSLCI, in partnership with the Wege Foundation, is proud to continue the tradition of this annual award to encourage environmental stewardship and recognize effort and results.

What

Cities with populations under 100,000 are encouraged to submit a sustainable and meaningful project for consideration for an award that balances economic, social, and environmental aspects within the community that could be used as a best practice in other cities.

How

Small cities are encouraged to submit a 500-word description of a new or existing project that clearly delineates triple bottom line aspects (economic vitality, social equity and environmental stewardship) and the resulting community impact on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence water resources. Include a cover sheet describing why the project should be considered for the award and what the community will do with the associated \$5,000 grant award.

When

Submittals are due by May 7, 2010. If you are mailing hardcopies, they must be sent to the GLSLCI office postmarked no later than May 7, 2010 to be considered. Submittals will be reviewed and an award winner selected by the GLSLCI Board of Directors.

The award winner will present their project to Annual Conference attendees during a 5-minute time slot at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 18, 2010.

The award winner will be expected to return to the Annual Conference the following year with a report on their use of the award monies. This will ensure accountability, development of best practices, and education on triple bottom line strategies that can be

used by any city in development of sustainable best practices within their communities.

Submittal Guidelines:

1. Prepare a 500-word description of a new or existing project that clearly delineates triple bottom line aspects (economic vitality, social equity and environmental stewardship) and the resulting community impact on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence water resources. The program must be one that is currently operating.
2. You may select as many programs within your city as you wish to nominate, but a separate submittal must be completed for each program you submit.
3. Include a cover sheet describing why the project should be considered for the award and what the community will do with the associated \$5,000 grant award.
4. Electronic submissions in PDF format are preferred. If you are sending a hardcopy, staple the pages together for each submittal. Do not use binders, report covers, folders, etc. Please send only one (1) copy of each submittal.
5. Provide your contact information, phone and email.
6. Submittals are due by May 7, 2010. If you are sending hardcopies, they must be postmarked by May 7, 2010. You may send hardcopies by regular mail, Federal Express, UPS or other mail system.

Send electronically to:

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Timeline:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010Call for submittals
Friday, May 7, 2010.....Submittals due
Friday, June 4, 2010Winner notified
Friday, June 18, 2010Award presented

Questions?

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