

The Oregon Brownfields Awards 2010

Recognizing Brownfield Achievements in Redeveloping Oregon's Communities

2010 Oregon Brownfields Conference (April 6 & 7)

Awards Luncheon, April 6

Salem Conference Center

200 Commercial Street SE

Salem, Oregon 97301

Deadline for Application: February 15, 2010

The Oregon Brownfields Awards recognize individuals and groups who worked together to solve the critical environmental challenge of transforming brownfields sites into productive reuses. The Awards honor individuals and groups that have implemented innovative, yet practical, cleanup projects that stimulated economic development through job creation or retention, addressed a critical community development need, and/or resulted in significant protection of human health and the environment. The awards showcase these successes and publicize them as models for other communities around the State.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Business Development Department invite community groups, organizations, city/county officials, and individuals working to revitalize contaminated properties to submit project nominations for the 3rd Oregon Brownfields Awards. **The winners will be announced during the 2010 Oregon Brownfields Conference, April 6, 2010, at the Salem Conference Center in Salem.**

Nominated Projects are encouraged to submit a 30" by 30" Poster of the project. The Poster will be on display during the entire two day 2010 Oregon Brownfields Conference event.

Eligibility

- Any individual, group, company, organization, government body or agency that is familiar with a project may submit a nomination.
- The project:
 - Must be in Oregon.
 - Must have been completed between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009 (A project is deemed complete if it is actively serving its some or all of its intended end use).
 - Involved property(ies) that were contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances – or suspected of having such contamination.
- Project types may include, but are not limited to, a private enterprise, a public facility, an industrial reuse of a brownfields site, or an environmental restoration project.

Deadline

All nominations must be received by: **February 15th, 2010.**

Award Criteria

An independent panel of state, environmental, business and academic professionals will evaluate the submittals and select up to three winners. The award criteria are designed to recognize both small and large entities and projects, in both rural and urban parts of the state. Successful nominations will demonstrate how their project achieved:

- (1) A balance of economic and quality of life improvements to the local community; and/or

- (2) Significant environmental gains, such as through the removal of persistent soil/groundwater contamination, creation of greenspace, or focus on sustainability through design (i.e. LEED certification, energy efficiency, stormwater reduction).

Project descriptions should provide examples of measurable results and/or impact such as jobs created and/or retained, increased revenues to the local tax base, decreased crime rates, improved child health and safety.

Finally, the panel will select a winner of a **special award category - *The Unsung Hero***. This category will recognize that individual or organization that demonstrated leadership and perseverance in working through the issues, motivated and educated the community, and made the brownfields redevelopment dream a reality; **or** who has through his or her active participation in issues associated with contaminated properties contributed substantially to the status of brownfields redevelopment in Oregon.

Nomination Process

A complete nomination for a Project must contain:

1. Completed Nomination Application
2. A narrative description of the project (no longer than 5 pages) Must include all of the following information:
 - a. The size of the site and cost of the remediation;
 - b. How the site was cleaned up, what technologies or strategies were employed;
 - c. How the site is currently being used;
 - d. Profile description of the community (population, demographics, employment);
 - e. What the long-term environmental and economic significance/benefits are to community.
3. At least one letter of support from an individual or organization that did not directly participate in the project but is familiar with its success and explains the impact of the project – either its environmental or economic significance and/or benefits to the community.
4. A one-paragraph description of the applicant's organization or partnership.
5. Digital images suitable for reproduction, showing how the site looked before and after remediation and redevelopment. Please note that photographs will be projected on to a large screen during the awards luncheon. Therefore it is important to submit high-quality, high-resolution images. JPEGs are preferred, with 300 dpi or higher resolution.

A complete nomination for the **Unsung Hero Category** must contain:

1. A Completed Nomination Application
 - a. Narrative description of nominee's affiliation with either a specific brownfields redevelopment project or brownfields redevelopment in general (no longer than 3 pages).
 - b. At least one Letter of Support from an individual or organization familiar with the nominee's efforts.
2. Digital image of the nominee. Please note that photographs will be projected on to a large screen during the awards luncheon. Therefore it is important to submit high-quality, high-resolution images. JPEGs are preferred, with 300 dpi or higher resolution.

How to Submit the Nomination Form:

Nominations may be submitted electronically, but must be in Microsoft Word. Submittal may be on a CD but please follow-up to ensure receipt of submission. **One hard copy of the entire application with supporting documents must also be submitted.** Please send the completed application materials to:

The Oregon Brownfields Awards

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Recommended Poster Criteria:

1. Poster text and photos should demonstrate the challenges, solutions, and uniqueness of key project elements.
2. Posters should emphasize high-quality photos and graphics over written text.
3. Poster text should include information about funding sources, project proponents, and a brief history of the project site.

Attachments:

1. Narrative Description of the Project – not to exceed 5 pages in length.
2. Letter(s) of Support.
3. One-paragraph description of applicant’s organization or partnership.
4. Digital images suitable for reproduction, showing how the site looked before and after cleanup and redevelopment. Please note that photographs will be projected on to a large screen during the awards luncheon. Therefore it is important to submit high-quality, high-resolution images. JPEGs are preferred, with 300 dpi or higher resolution.
5. Poster

Attachments if submitting Nomination for Unsung Hero:

1. Narrative description of nominee’s affiliation with a brownfields redevelopment project(s).
2. Letter(s) of Support
3. Digital image of nominee. Please note that photographs will be projected on to a large screen during the awards luncheon. Therefore it is important to submit high-quality, high-resolution images. JPEGs are preferred, with 300 dpi or higher resolution.