

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) RE

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Date: May 4, 2016

Weekly Agenda Date: May 10, 2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisor Matthew Ung

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to apply for ISAC Excellence in Action Award

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Excellence in Action Award by the Iowa State Association of Counties ("ISAC") is a competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates. ISAC encourages county departments to apply. Judging is based on the attributes of creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance. I believe Woodbury County's initiative to become the first all-LED county would excel in each of these metrics. Looking at previous winning counties/programs, it becomes clear that our project is a perfect candidate.

BACKGROUND: Months ago, another department head suggested I recommend our Building Services Director apply for this annual award on behalf of the program once the application became available. I agreed that it would be a boost both to the department and the county as a whole, and recently reached out to Director Schmitz, who would be willing to submit the application by the July 1 deadline with the support of the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION: See below.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION: Motion to authorize Building Services Director Schmitz to apply and nominate the "Woodbury County LED Lighting Project" program for the ISAC Excellence in Action Award on behalf of Woodbury County.

Approved by Board of Supervisors April 5, 2016.

The ISAC Excellence in Action Award program is a competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates. Please encourage all county departments to apply.

CRITERIA

- Programs nominated must be **innovative** and do one or more of the following:
 - Offer a new service to county residents, fill gaps in the availability of existing services, or tap new revenue sources.
 - Improve the administration or enhance the cost effectiveness of an existing county government program.
 - Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees.
 - Enhance the level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.
 - Provide information that facilitates effective public policy making.
 - Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
 - Provide a model from which other counties or affiliates may learn.
- Nominated individual must demonstrate exemplary service to citizens, staff or stakeholders.

JUDGING

CoSTAR will rate each application based on the following attributes: creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance.

GUIDELINES

- Nominated programs must have become operational after January 1, 2015.
- Individual nominations should reflect the individual actions of the last 24 months.
- Nominations should be made using the application form below.
- A narrative of the county program or individual's actions must be included. Please limit to three pages.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented at the 2016 ISAC Fall School of Instruction held on November 30 – December 2, in Des Moines. Winners will receive a special ribbon to be worn on their name badge. Winners will be recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release sent to statewide media. When appropriate, an ISAC staff member will also attend the board of supervisors meeting to present the award.

QUESTIONS

Contact Robin Harlow, ISAC's Innovation and Research Manager at 515.369.7006 or rharlow@iowacounties.org.

NOMINATION FORM

- Attach a narrative of the county improvement/project/program/individual (three-page limit).
- Return all nominations by **July 1, 2016 (postmarked date)** to:
Iowa State Association of Counties
Attn: Robin Harlow
5500 Westown Parkway, Suite 190
West Des Moines, IA 50266.
- OR email your application form (containing all the information on the form below) to Robin Harlow.

Please fill out each field completely.

Please indicate nomination type: Individual Program

Name of individual/program: _____ County or affiliate: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Title: _____

Nominator's phone: _____ Nominator's email: _____