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## Nominations sought for 2010 STAR Award for Citizen Involvement

Salem, Ore – The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) is accepting nominations for the 2010 STAR Award for Citizen Involvement. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2011.

The award recognizes communities, organizations and/or individuals that are meaningfully involving citizens in local land use decisions and actively promoting and implementing the values of Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 1: Citizen Involvement.

Criteria for nominations include citizen involvement efforts that:

- Provide early notice and input opportunities to those people who will potentially be affected by a land use decision;
- Use creative outreach techniques to seek out those who will potentially be affected by a land use decision (of particular note will be those efforts that use limited resources well);
- Provide clear, accessible communications to the public;
- Use public input to affect a land use decision;
- Encourage community participation and collaboration;
- Provide ideas or methods which will be transferable to others working on land use processes; and
- Evaluate and improve methods of public involvement as process evolves.

More information about the award, including the nomination form, is available on the Department of Land Conservation and Development website at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/STAR\_award.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/STAR\_award.shtml</a> ###