

## **AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL: AUGUST 25, 2006**

### **Participating:**

Amelia Gooding, Reimar von Kalben, Phyllis Copeland, Jennifer Kimbrough, Audrey Zelanko, Richard Rasmussen, Angela Suber, Glenn Heilman

### **Karen V. Brown Leadership Award**

Amelia—separate from other awards, no point threshold?

Richard—Not one of the other three awards – should go to one of the people from the Programs who the National Steering Committee and the Awards Subcommittee feel is deserved.

It is for an individual.

Point system - this award is not triggered by a number of points.

An award under this committee, but not a continual award, not given out of every year.

Glenn—Only if outstanding.

Amelia to write little blurb about the KVB award to send to Audrey.

### **More than one award agreed to last conference call. What is the point difference?**

Richard—back to original discussion—winner is winner (already voted on this in previous call)

Reimar—is it expensive to give to many awards? (Angela—only paying for small businesses)

Glenn Hielman—cool thing to get.

Amelia—one point difference - go for that?

Discussion of opening ourselves up to having too many winners come within a point spread.

Point difference suggested of .5: Group vote:

Phyllis - Yes

Jennifer - Yes

Reimar - No, wants 1 point

Richard - Yes

Glenn - Yes

Amelia - Yes

### **FINAL POINT DIFFERENCE AGREED UPON - 0.5**

Audrey—no additional text necessary on the information page, there is already discussion that more than one award or no award may be given under each category.

Are we going to give first and second place awards? No, if two awards given they will be the same.

3) Who is eligible for award? Criteria? Are co-ops eligible? For profits?

If a co-op meets the definition of a small business, are they eligible?

Non-profit not small business.

Richard says no, chief among definitional boundaries - we classify as a for profit business. Non-profit, they don't qualify. Co-ops, clear identification of participant and the numbers. Really an investment opportunity.

Audrey—Criteria for eligibility already on awards instructions page—must be individually owned, less than 100 people. Non-issue.

4) Web site: Review the site for the next call—everyone.

5) Review the awards nomination and judging criteria for the next call—everyone.

Richard—think about duplication of answers. Do we need to have that many criteria? Much of the problem has been specificity. Get rid of any duplicates...ask more specific questions. Frame criteria specifically. Should we frame boxes and answer specific questions...?

Work the questions, so there isn't redundancy - boxes for each question. Richard likes it.

Audrey—If we use separate text boxes for a limited number of questions, think about how we can limit the number of words per box. Are we sticking with 750 words total? Hard to enforce with separate boxes. Either we have to do the final word count for each application (total of all the question boxes) or we limit words for each question box—change 750 to a certain number for each question. Maybe a little more work for us. Physical limitations... Or we can still have separate questions requiring separate answers in one text box and keep the 750 total limit. Think about it.

**Next call, agenda: Web site review  
Awards nomination criteria  
Judging criteria  
Box out each question and answer, word count limitations  
- vote on next call.**

**Comments about awards nomination criteria/judging criteria to  
[amelia.gooding@illinois.gov](mailto:amelia.gooding@illinois.gov) by September 20, 2006.**

**Next call is: Friday, September 29, 2006  
Noon EST  
Dial in to the same number (866) 299-3188 access code,  
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