



Community Development Award "Rural Community of the Year"

To recognize accomplishment between
October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ELIGIBLE NOMINEES

Counties, Municipalities, Other Public Bodies and Community Development Organizations (state, regional or local) eligible for USDA Rural Development programs

Self-nominations are encouraged

USDA/Rural Development program assistance is not a requirement for nominations

HOW TO APPLY

Include the following with a cover letter nominating the eligible entity:

1. **Nominee** – name of organization being nominated
2. **Community Contact Information** – name, address, phone, and email
3. **Narrative** – stated problem, plan, project, partners, and quantitative outcomes
The Narrative should describe the project or accomplishment as it relates to the benefits or impact on a rural area or community.
 - An acceptable narrative will describe the scope of the original problem(s) or opportunity and the efforts and accomplishment to improve those conditions.
 - Partnerships with federal, state, local, community and private organizations should be clearly outlined.
 - Be quantitative when possible and outline tangible results such as number of jobs created or retained, measurable improvements in water quality, improvements in housing stock, improvement in health indicators, etc.
4. **Signature and date**
5. **Mail nomination package to:**
State Director
USDA Rural Development Florida/Virgin Islands
PO Box 147010
Gainesville, FL 32614-7010

Supporting documents may be attached • No page limitation • Photos encouraged

NOMINATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Questions? Contact Ellen Boukari at (352) 338-3414

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