

Northeast Florida Regional Council

Awards Program

2009
Nomination
Forms

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the **Northeast Florida Regional Council**, we are pleased to announce the fifth year of our **Regional Awards Program**. The Awards Program is designed to recognize Regional Excellence in a variety of critical arenas essential to positioning our Regional Community as a model of cooperation and coordination.

This recognition program continues to be anchored by the **Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award**, named after former three-time Chairman of the Regional Council, Harry Waldron. Mr. Waldron was the recipient of the inaugural edition of this award in recognition of his lifetime of service to the ideals of getting along with your neighbors. The following list includes all categories for which we are seeking nominations of persons, entities or projects:

- **The Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award**
- **The Regional Quality of Life Award**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Transportation**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Economic Development and Tourism**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Education**
- **The Regional Award for Excellence in Planning and Growth Management**

Nominations are due by Friday, December 11, 2009. Nomination forms are enclosed. Please feel free to pass them on to others who may have great candidates in mind.

Presentation of the awards will be made at the **Elected Officials Reception and Awards Ceremony to be held in January 2010, at a date, location and time to be determined.**

We hope you will take the time to complete the brief nomination form to bring recognition to deserving individuals, entities and projects that make our Regional Community a better place to call home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information!

Sincerely,



Brian D. Teeple
Chief Executive Officer

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Nominations are sought and accepted from throughout the Northeast Florida Regional Community. Self-nominations are welcomed. In addition, nominations may be made by any member of the Northeast Florida Regional Council or the Selection Committee. The award recipients will be notified following the decision of the Selection Committee.

Winners should be informed of the decision on or before November 30, 2009.

Submission of Nomination Form

Please submit completed nomination forms by Friday, November 13, 2009, to:

**Leadership Awards Selection Committee
c/o Northeast Florida Regional Council
6850 Belfort Oaks Place
Jacksonville, FL 32216**

Award Presentation

Awards will be presented to recipients at an Awards Ceremony and Elected Officials Reception held in January 2010, at a date, time and location to be determined.

Our Mission

To provide visionary leadership and coordination between counties and governmental agencies to preserve and enhance the quality of Northeast Florida's natural, man-made, economic, and social environment.

Our Region

The Northeast Florida Regional Council, formed in 1977, serves Regional District 4, comprised of seven counties (Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns) and 27 municipalities.

The Region's land area covers 4,428 square miles and the population surpasses 1.5 million. Forty-three percent of the Region is dedicated to agriculture, two percent to industry and commercial use, and 13 percent is otherwise urbanized.

The Region is characterized by an abundance of natural resources and a diversity of habitats. Its central feature is the Lower St. Johns River. With 140 miles of coastline and five barrier islands boasting some of the state's most magnificent, pristine beaches, the Region is truly "Florida's First Coast."

Jacksonville is the major urban center, with a good mix of industrial manufacturing, transportation, financial services, health care, and military employment. Land-wise, it is the largest city in the U.S.

Surrounding counties are more rural in nature, relying on agriculture and service sectors, and a limited industrial base often focused on a single sector. They are, however, increasing in their rate of urbanization and beginning to develop more economic diversity.

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