



Pennsylvania Association of
Housing and
Redevelopment Agencies

**PAHRA Members Showcase
Bellamy Awards / Best Practices Awards &
PAHRA Person of the Year Award Information**

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Dear PAHRA Member:

It's time again to begin preparing your nominations for the **2010 PAHRA Awards Program** including the **Bellamy Awards**, **Best Practices Awards**, and the **"Person of the Year"**. PAHRA also asks your agency to participate in the **10th Annual PAHRA Members "Best Practices" Showcase**. The **Awards** will be presented and **Showcase** will take place during the PAHRA Annual Conference, September 14 - 17, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg/Hershey, Grantville, PA.

Again this year, because of the diverse types of projects and the innovations of our member agencies, PAHRA will bestow **"Best Practices Awards"**, **Awards of Merit** as well as the **Bellamy Award** for projects and programs submitted. In addition, we are asking that all agencies sending submissions, also participate in the **10th Annual PAHRA Members "Best Practices" Showcase**. The **Showcase** will permit over 150 conference delegates to learn about your project on a one to one basis. The **Showcase** will take place during the Annual Conference on **Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** during the Presidential Reception. It will be a gallery format with presentations lining the room and set up on tables.

We kindly ask that you have a representative from your agency available to discuss the individual projects and programs on a one-to-one basis. In addition to your own presentation, you may find the solution to one of your agency's housing and/or community development problems or a new and better way of doing things among the other displays!

Your project(s) or program(s) may be presented using display boards, power point presentations, photo albums, and/or other media. PAHRA can provide you with a table, chairs, projection screens, easels, and an electrical connection. You must indicate your needs on the application form. **However, you will have to provide all other equipment (projector, computer, etc.).**

PAHRA hopes that this Showcase will heighten the awareness of the excellent work that you are doing in housing and/or community development as well as share innovations and successes with the PAHRA membership. We have all become so diverse with the types of activities we do, the **Bellamy** and **Merit Awards** and **Showcase** will recognize the differences and honor the many significant achievements. These projects will be published in the **PAHRA Monitor** and extra copies will be available for your board and staff.

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The PAHRA "*Person of the Year*" recognizes an individual in the housing and/or community development field who has contributed significantly toward the betterment of housing and/or his/her community. The recipient of this award may be a member of PAHRA or a person outside of PAHRA's membership. The Awards Committee will also take into consideration, a person's efforts in promoting attractive, safe and affordable housing and/or livable communities on the state and federal level. A separate PAHRA "*Person of the Year*" Nomination Form is enclosed for your use.

To submit a nomination for PAHRA Awards or the "Person of the Year", please follow these simple instructions.

1. Complete the appropriate enclosed form(s). The form **MUST** accompany each nomination to be considered by the Awards Committee.
2. Write the nomination summary as outlined in the *Nomination Form*.
3. Bind the *Nomination Form*, the nomination summary, and any supplemental materials.

All Awards and "Person of the Year" nominations forms and submissions must be **received by PAHRA no later than Friday, August 6, 2010**, and sent to:

**PAHRA Awards Committee
c/o PAHRA
928 Limecrest Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

The Awards Committee will review all nominations and select the *Awards of Merit*, the *Best Practices Award* and the *Bellamy Award* recipients and the PAHRA "*Person of the Year*" following the criteria described in the attachments.

To assure the success of the 2010 PAHRA AWARDS PROGRAM and the PAHRA MEMBERS SHOWCASE, we invite and encourage all member agencies to participate.

Thank you and hope to see you in September, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey, Grantville, PA

Sincerely,

Ed Christiano

Edward Christiano, President

Enclosures