



Workforce Information Database *Excellence in Information Award 2008*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Deadline: August 22, 2008

This award gives recognition to states for outstanding achievements in using the Workforce Information Database (WID) in new and creative ways to deliver information to customers. Through this award we hope to facilitate recognition of how the WID can be used to power many innovative products. **The award is solely recognition of achievement and does not include a monetary award.**

The award will be given in each of these four categories:

- **Economic Development**
- **Career Development**
- **Mapping**
- **Printed Publication**

Honorees will be selected based upon a review of a nomination package that demonstrates that the product, project, or publication is innovative, effective, and uses the WID or information from the WID as a component.

Eligibility

Any state agency that uses the WID, or information from the WID, may be nominated.

Nomination Requirements

1. Submitted by August 22, 2008.
2. Category of submission (Economic Development, Career Development, Mapping, or Printed Publication).
3. Name of person(s) submitting nomination and contact information. Contact information for product, project, or publication coordinator.
4. Narrative description of the product, project, or publication.
5. List of information or tables used from the WID.
Use this link for the current data structure: <http://www.workforceinfodb.org/5structure.cfm>
6. Electronic copies or URLs of product, project, or publication will be accepted. For printed publications, please include 4 copies if possible.

An agency may submit nominations for more than one product, project, or publication.

Nomination Procedures

If submitting via email: submit to sduthie@mt.gov. Subject line should read "WID Award".

If submitting via hardcopy: submit to Steve Duthie, Montana Dept of Labor, Research & Analysis Bureau, PO Box 1728, Helena, MT 59624

Questions: Please contact Steve Duthie at sduthie@mt.gov or 406.444.3190

Recognition

The nominees will be recognized during the ARC Seminar 2008 with the winner in each category receiving an engraved plaque. Winners in each category will be notified by September 5, 2008 and we respectfully request winners to briefly showcase (10-15 minutes) their product, project, or publication during a workshop session.

Award Criteria

- The state agency must be named as the nominee of the award.
- May recognize specific individuals within the nomination.
- Must use information from the WID.
- Must demonstrate that the product, project, or publication relates to the category in which it is nominated.
- Must demonstrate the product, project, or publication was innovative, a new way to address an issue or challenge, or result in significant improvement in services or performance.

Category Descriptions

Economic Development:

Technological advances and shifting demographics are rapidly transforming the economic outlook. Businesses, industries, and individuals want more information to help them make decisions for growth, potential markets, jobs, wages, and more. In today's economy, information is critical, and being able to compare data from different regions in this global economy is a must, making the WID an integral tool with its standardized structure.

This category will recognize product, projects, and publications that have developed effective strategies and uses of the WID in the area of Economic Development.

Career Development:

Today's workforce is rapidly transforming from what it was just a few years ago. New and emerging industries require skilled and educated workers. Students, educators, and members of the current workforce need to have information to make informed decisions in career planning.

This category will recognize products, projects, and publications that have developed effective strategies and uses of the WID in the area of Career Development.

Mapping:

With advancements in technology, maps have become a major component in delivering information. Associating statistical and geographic information in a map gives clarity, detail, and impact to businesses, industries, and the public.

This category will recognize products, projects, and publications that have developed effective strategies and uses of the WID in Mapping workforce, career, and economic information.

Printed Publication:

Publications have always been a standard for delivering information. With advancements in technology, the quality of publications has improved, creativity has increased, and producing publications remains a major component for workforce, career, and economic information.

This category will recognize publications that effectively use the WID to communicate workforce, career, and economic information.

Selection Procedures

The Analyst Resource Center Workgroup has selected four members to review all nominations and select the award recipients.