



Connecticut Workforce Development Awards *Nomination Form*

Entries due by: *Wednesday, February 25, 2009.* Please submit one entry per form.

Choose one category for this entry:

- Community Colleges University or Higher Education Connecticut Business
 Workforce Investment Board/Office of Workforce Competitiveness Public/Private Partnership

Nominee Information:

Name of Entry: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee Profile:

Along with a copy of the entry form, attach additional narrative (up to 3 pages plus photos if appropriate) that describes how the nominated program, project, or public/private workforce development partnership meets the criteria for the appropriate award category.

Nominator Information:

Name: _____ CEDAS Member? Yes No

Organization: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please mail, deliver, fax or email each entry form and the accompanying information by **February 25, 2009** to:

Call for CEDAS Workforce Development Awards Nominations
c/o CERC
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Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3405
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Call for **CEDAS Connecticut Workforce Development Awards Nominations**

This Year's Categories and Judging Criteria:

*** Team Connecticut Community College Workforce Development Program Award ***

Recognizes a Community College program or initiative that is helping to address the Workforce Development needs of the communities and businesses served by any of the 12 state community colleges related to: clusters, non-credit certificate programs, customized contract training, E-training programs, job readiness and skills enhancement training, small business development, and career development programs. Judging criteria will include: **Clearly Defined Purpose** – Assessment of needs, targets, benefits, partnerships, comprehensiveness; and **Demonstrated Results** - Number of targets served, sustainability, innovation, future commitment for funding, state/regional/local and public/private support.

*** Team Connecticut University or Higher Education Institution Workforce Development Award ***

Recognizes a Higher Education program or initiative that is helping to address the Workforce Development needs of the communities and businesses served by any of the state private or public colleges or universities related to: clusters, non-credit certificate programs, customized contract training, E-training programs, job readiness and skills enhancement training, small business development, and career development programs. Judging criteria will include: **Clearly Defined Purpose** – Assessment of needs, targets, benefits, partnerships, comprehensiveness; and **Demonstrated Results** - Number of targets served, sustainability, innovation, future commitment for funding, state/regional/local and public/private support.

*** Team Connecticut Workforce Investment Board/Office of Workforce Competitiveness Award ***

Recognizes a Connecticut Workforce Investment Board or the Office of Workforce Competitiveness program or initiative that is helping to address the Workforce Development needs of the communities and businesses by any of these agencies, state, private or public colleges or universities related to: clusters, non-credit certificate programs, customized contract training, E-training programs, job readiness and skills enhancement training, small business development, and career development programs. Judging criteria will include: **Clearly Defined Purpose**– Assessment of needs, targets, benefits, partnerships, comprehensiveness, and **Demonstrated Results**– Number of targets served, sustainability, innovation, future commitment for funding, state/ regional/local and public/private support.

*** Team Connecticut Business Workforce Development Award ***

Recognizes a technology company, program or collaborative that has made a major contribution to and emphasized the role of technology in the state's economic development efforts (e.g. innovative accomplishments, emerging technology, supporting industry clusters, patented manufacturing processes, job creation, capital investment). Judging criteria will include: **Assessment of Needs**/Problem addressed by and the importance of this technology; and **Impact** - Support of state priorities, cluster initiative, competitiveness of state, increase in productivity, etc.

*** Team Connecticut Other Program Award: Public/Private Partnership ***

Recognizes a company, program or collaborative that has made a major contribution to and emphasized the role of workforce development in the state's economic development efforts. Judging criteria will include: **Impact** - Job retention or expansion, amount of investment, increase in productivity, results of working with partners, etc.; and **Innovation/Technology** - Use of innovation in overall operations, e.g. new software, technology, lean process.

Number of job training participants, jobs retained, jobs added, and number graduated.

Program investments: (e.g. cost, capital, sustainability)

Multiplier effect (e.g. indirect jobs, indirect impact) and measures of success.

Team Efforts

Please detail the utilization of partners/leveraged resources:

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Please complete this form in its entirety. The completed document can be faxed to: (860) 571-7150. If you have supporting materials (photos, etc.), please email them to contact@cedas.org. Otherwise, please mail or deliver entire completed packet.

Award Focus: Workforce Development that includes job training related programs that will expand or create new economic development and which evidence support for responsible growth.

Projects May Involve: Community Colleges, Colleges & Universities, Businesses, Workforce Development, Boards, OWC, and Public/Private Partnerships.

Award Criteria:

- Amount of leveraged investment attracted by the program
- Organizational leadership
- Innovation
- Regional collaboration/Partnerships
- Economic strategy to compete in the global marketplace

Measurement of Success:

- The number of job training participants, graduated, placements, jobs retained or enhanced or created
- Projects may not include: credit degree programs or state programs without partnerships.
- Projects may involve: any workforce development initiative except credit– degree programs
- Partners could include secondary schools, Chambers of Commerce, non-profits, quasi-public entities, professional organizations, or any public/private partnership including agency partnerships.