

## **Brownfield Renewal Awards Guidelines**



The Brownfield Renewal Awards were created to acknowledge individuals and groups who are working together to solve the critical environmental problem of transforming brownfield sites into productive new uses. The awards honor individuals and groups that have implemented innovative, yet practical, programs that remediated environmentally impacted sites and stimulated economic development through job creation or retention, addressed a critical community development need and/or resulted in significant protection of human health or the environment. The awards showcase these successes and publicize them as models for other communities.

All successful applicants will complete and submit the Renewal Awards application. There is no fee required at any stage of this awards program.

The winners of the 2012 awards will be announced in October.

### **Eligibility:**

Any individual, group, company, organization, government body or agency is eligible and may submit an application.

Project types may include, but are not limited to, a private enterprise, a public facility, an industrial reuse of a brownfields site, or an environmental restoration project.

In order to be considered for a Brownfield Renewal Award, the brownfield redevelopment project **MUST** be completed by the date the application is submitted.

### **Deadline:**

All nominations must be received by 5:00 PM CST on Friday, June 15, 2012.

### **Award Criteria:**

Successful applications will demonstrate measurable results and/or impact on environmental improvements and long-term community economic benefits.

An independent panel of judges with business (private), academic and public backgrounds will evaluate the submittals and select the winners. The judges will evaluate each application based on responses to specific questions related to the project's overall effectiveness, use of innovative environmental solutions and impact on the environment and local community. Project descriptions should provide examples of measurable results and/or impact such as jobs created and/or retained, increased revenues to the local tax base, decreased crime rates or improved human health and safety.