



## Outstanding Member of the Year Award

**PURPOSE:** To recognize an individual or company member of the Wright County Economic Development Partnership for his/her/their outstanding contributions, leadership and achievements...

The nominee must be a member of the Wright County Economic Development Partnership. Primary consideration will be given to business and professional contributions to the partnership over the last three years, including committee involvement, event involvement and leadership. It will also benefit the nominee if he/she have demonstrated outstanding leadership in community service both to the Partnership and within Wright County.

The award committee will contact the nominee to confirm their nomination and obtain any other supporting documents. The nominee will be asked to accept the nomination and, if selected, agree to be present at the awards ceremony. A personal interview may be requested by the committee. Letters of support may be submitted, but no more than three will be accepted.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals or organizations.  
There is no limit to the number of nominations one can submit.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Recipients must be members of the Wright County Economic Development Partnership.
- Service must be such that it influenced the success of activities affecting the welfare of the Partnership.
- Individuals should be cited for activities outside those duties connected with his or her employment.
- Nominators need not be members in the Wright County Partnership.
- Recipients must complete the written application.

### **CRITERIA:**

- Preference will be given to the member who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of our partnership through professional activities within the past three years.
- Consideration for selection as member of the year includes: distinguished service to the partnership, active and innovative leadership in the development of and the improvement of the Partnership. The basis for the award may be granted for outstanding service in singular or multiple fields .
  - Volunteer service
  - Community involvement or participation in special projects
  - Participation in Event programs as organizer, moderator, speaker, discussant, etc
  - Recruitment of new members
  - Participation in the provision of other services to its members

**JUDGING:** Nominees are evaluated based on the evidence and support presented in the nomination as to the nature and scope of the accomplishments and on the committee's own knowledge of the nominees' qualifications. The committee is NOT expected to undertake research into the qualification of nominees. If no qualified candidate is nominated, the Committee may either extend the search deadline or opt not to give an award that year. ***Award committee members are excluded from consideration for this award during their term of service.***

The award committee will contact the nominee to confirm their nomination and obtain any other supporting documents. The nominee will be responsible for submitting a resume, biography and supporting documentation, along with a letter verifying the accuracy of the nomination form. The nominee must also accept the nomination and agree to be present at the awards dinner, if selected.

**DEADLINE:** December 9, 2011

Please provide a brief statement as to why this nominee should qualify as

**Outstanding Member of the Year.**

Please send to:

**The Wright County Economic Development Partnership**  
P.O. Box 525, Rockford, MN 55373 or [jstrum@whe.org](mailto:jstrum@whe.org)

**APPLICATION**

**Nominee's information:**

**Nominee's name/Company name -**

**Address -**

**Phone/email -**

**Type of business (Circle One):** Manufacturing    Retail    Service    Non-Profit

**Years in business in Wright County -**

**Age of company -**

**Answer some or all of the following Questions**

**List of nominee's major career and business accomplishments**

Elaborate on how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, innovation and initiative on the job (e.g., job maintenance or creation, training, new approaches, personal growth, leadership, coaching, enhanced company profits, customer service). Indicate how the employee has contributed to the success of the business and his/her career and professional excellence.

Describe the ways the nominee has exhibited leadership with active commitment to the improvement of the quality of life within Wright County in recent years.

Describe how the nominee presents a positive attitude of himself/herself, his/her company and Wright County.

Describe how the nominee demonstrates a professional demeanor with special emphasis on courtesy, professionalism, and outstanding customer service.

Describe the nominee's willingness to do whatever is necessary to help and assist people in the community.

Describe the nominee's willingness to attend and participate in meetings, conferences, and other functions.

Provide a list of the nominee's professional affiliations. (This is optional.)

Provide a list of the nominee's accomplishments/achievements in the last year that have promoted or reflected positively on the Wright County Partnership and its mission.

**Briefly state your reasons for this nomination, including:**

- Identify the activity undertaken by the nominee to qualify for recognition.
- Was there a public/private component or other partnership in the development of this activity or project? If yes, describe the role of other individuals or groups.
- What improvements have been brought about in Wright County because of the nominee's efforts?
- How are the efforts undertaken by the nominee laudable and/or innovative?
- Are the nominee's accomplishments suitable for replication? Please elaborate.

**Nominator information:**

Your name/title & organization -

Phone/email -