

# Maryland ABCD Network, Inc. 2010 Awards of Excellence Nomination Form

## Awards Categories

There are three categories under which nominations may be submitted: **Advocacy**, **Innovation** and **Collaboration**. A separate form must be submitted for each category.

## Eligible Nominees

501(c)3, government, community organizations and individuals or institutions doing work in Maryland. Entities that employ members of the ABCD Awards Committee as staff are not eligible for awards.

## Submission of Nominations

Submission by email is preferred. An electronic version of this form may be obtained by emailing Karen Blandford at [kkblandford@comcast.net](mailto:kkblandford@comcast.net).

Nominations by email must be submitted by sending this form to [kkblandford@comcast.net](mailto:kkblandford@comcast.net) **by 5 PM September 27, 2010**. Supporting collateral material may be included with the email submission **or** five copies of the collateral material may be sent by snail mail and postmarked by August 25, 2010. Be sure supporting materials are clearly marked if sent separately from emailed nominations.

Nominations by snail mail must be submitted with five copies of this form and five copies of any relevant collateral material and **postmarked by September 25, 2010**.

U.S. Postage: Maryland ABCD Network, P.O. Box 1853, Sykesville, MD 21784

FedEx or UPS: 5417 Emerald Drive, Sykesville, MD 21784

Name of Contact Person:

Name of nominated entity:

Mailing Address:

Telephone of Contact Person:

Email for Contact Person:

Year in which project was started:

Year in which project was completed:

***Please answer each question and state the question before your answer. The total response for each nomination may not exceed two pages or 1,000 words.*** You do not need to be lengthy, but please provide complete information so you are judged fairly. For questions, contact Karen Blandford at 410-795-1633 or send an email.

## **ADVOCACY AWARD: Outstanding policy/advocacy work in the field**

The nominated entity has played a significant role in making community revitalization, affordable housing and/or wealth building more possible at the local or statewide level.

1) Summarize how specific advocacy work by the nominated entity has made an impact on the asset building, community revitalization and/or housing climate within the last five years.

2) Provide information about the population impacted and the region or jurisdiction affected.

3) State how this effort could be replicated by other organizations working in the field.

## **INNOVATION AWARD: Innovation/implementation of cutting edge practices**

The nominated entity has implemented a practice that reflects a new way of thinking about the problem to

be solved. We are looking for non-conventional approaches that are innovative within the context of entity size and geographic area. The work should have begun within the last five years.

1) Describe how the nominated entity has implemented a practice that reflects a new way of thinking about the problem to be solved. Include information about the size of the entity, the geographic region served and the corresponding timeframe.

2) Summarize the outcomes that have resulted from the new practice and how this outcome is set apart from other work in the field.

**COLLABORATION AWARD: Best community collaborations that cut across silos**

The nominated entity has engaged in a collaboration that creatively connects groups from the larger ABCD field. We will highlight distinctive, creative collaborations where the entity, working with one or more partners, has created new connections among organizations that were not previously connected. The collaborative effort should have taken place within the last five years.

1) Summarize the collaborative effort undertaken by the nominated entity. Describe how the effort is creative and has created new positive connections among organizations.

2) Describe the outcome(s) of the collaborative effort and explain how the connections have been and will continue to be sustained.

3) State how other groups in the field could duplicate this effort.