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**NREDA 2017
 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

In recognition of outstanding leadership in the field of rural economic development, the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) seeks to honor deserving individuals across America. Nominees may be economic development professionals or rural electric cooperative/rural telephone staff or board members. Nominees are those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in an economic development project resulting in the improvement of the quality of life, creation of new jobs, and opportunity for growth and development in rural America.

Examples Include, but are not limited to:

- *Attraction, retention or expansion of business*
- *Development of unique partnerships to enhance the economic vitality of an area such as: establishment of new economic development organization; development of business incubator or entrepreneur program; participation in revolving loan fund or development of industrial park or speculative building; new housing initiative (new construction or renovation); development of a marketing program; tourism development; and legislative initiatives.*

Nominee:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

NREDA Member: ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Nominator:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Criteria:

Submit a narrative in PDF format explaining how the nominee has made significant and measurable contributions to economic development. Please be specific and concise. Address the questions below and attach additional pages (in PDF format) as necessary.

- (1) Identify by name and description the project(s) the nominee contributed to in calendar year 2015 (or over multiple years) and how the nominee contributed to the project. (Submit in PDF format.)
- (2) Provide supporting documentation such as news articles and other items (in PDF format).
- (3) At least three letters of support (in PDF format) are also required to accompany this nomination.

Return the completed application and supporting documentation (in a PDF format) to the NREDA office at director@nreda.org. The deadline for all entries is **Friday, September 15, 2017**.