

The Excellence in Action Award program is a competitive awards program that seeks to identify and recognize innovative county government employees, programs, and ISAC affiliates. Please encourage all county departments to apply.

CRITERIA

- Programs nominated must be **innovative** and do one or more of the following:
 - Offer a new service to county residents, fill gaps in the availability of existing services, or tap new revenue sources.
 - Improve the administration or enhance the cost effectiveness of an existing county government program.
 - Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees.
 - Enhance the level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.
 - Provide information that facilitates effective public policy making.
 - Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
 - Provide a model from which other counties or affiliates may learn.
- Nominated individual must demonstrate exemplary service to citizens or staff or stakeholders.

JUDGING

CoSTAR will rate each application based on the following seven attributes: creativity, innovation, cost savings, replication, leadership, increased efficiency, cooperation with others, and perseverance.

GUIDELINES

- Nominated programs must have become operational after January 1, 2016.
- Individual nominations should reflect the individual actions of the last 24 months.
- Nomination should be made using the application form below.
- A narrative of the county program or individual's action must be included; please limit to three pages.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Awards will be presented at the 2017 ISAC Annual Meeting which is being held August 23- 25, 2017 in Des Moines, Iowa. The winners will receive a special ribbon to be worn on their nametags. Winners will be recognized on the ISAC website and in a news release sent to statewide media. When appropriate, an ISAC staff member will also attend the board of supervisors meeting to present the award.

QUESTIONS

Contact Robin Harlow, ISAC's Innovation and Research Manager at 515.369.7006 or rharlow@iowacounties.org.

NOMINATION FORM

- Attach a narrative of the county improvement/project/program/individual (three-page limit).
- Return all nominations by **April 21, 2017 (postmarked date)** to:
Iowa State Association of Counties
Attn: Robin Harlow
5500 Westown Parkway, Suite 190
West Des Moines, IA 50266.
- OR email your application form (containing all the information on the form below) to Robin Harlow.

Please fill out each field completely.

Please indicate nomination type: Individual Program

Name of individual/program: _____ County or affiliate: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Title: _____

Nominator's phone: _____ Nominator's email: _____