

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Economic Development Grant Partnership Recognition Program Overview

Introduction

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education fosters opportunities through various grant programs for institutions to expand on existing partnerships or to create an education and business partnerships to meet workforce needs. For businesses, it is imperative to the competitiveness of their company to stay on the leading edge of education and training for their employees. Employers who invest in education and training for its employees see significant improvements in morale, productivity, performance, and increased profits. The Partnership Recognition Program (PRP) recognizes outstanding partnerships, which lead to significant contributions in furthering the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

About the program

This program is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants. Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 in other financial support and receive a matching \$500 State Regents' Economic Development Grant that is applied to either:

- 1) the tuition of an employee of the business being recognized,
- 2) paid internship for a current student of the institution to work at the business being recognized,
- 3) a faculty externship with the business being recognized, or
- 4) enhance the partnership with additional equipment, materials, or supplies.

Plaques and honorees

Through outside sponsorship, the State Regents' provide one plaque of recognition to honor the business partner at an annual reception event that is held in the spring of each year. Institution leaders will also be recognized. Please complete the plaque order form included in the PRP packet. The name of the business partner included on the form will be the name printed on the plaque.

Narrative

Submissions come from the institutions and are reviewed by a committee of State Regents' staff and the EDC Partnership Recognition committee to insure integrity of the program. For the 2010 PRP, the submission period will end February 9, 2010. Only one partner summary per institution is allowed with a maximum of 25 annual

recognitions possible if each of the 25 public higher education institutions submit a partner to be recognized.

A narrative summary of the partnership is required and is limited to 240 words. This narrative will be used in the script at the reception as well as in the press releases and posted on the OSRHE website. Only one submission is allowed per institution; therefore, the recognition summary cover page must have the signature of an "institutional official." Summaries should be submitted in hardcopy with the appropriate signature to the State Regents' Economic Development Grant program to the attention of:

Connie Lake, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Workforce & Economic Development
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73104

Photos

Please submit the company logo and five photos in JPEG file format electronically on a CD. The photos are a reflection of the partnership. For example, the types of photos to include are: students working in a lab, ribbon cutting, or workers at the company. Be creative. The logo and pictures will be used in the PowerPoint presentation during the recognition reception. Company logo and five photos in JPEG file format are a requirement of each submission.

All four components must be included in the original submission, which are the narrative, photos, recognition summary cover page with the appropriate signature, and plaque order form.

Media participation is organized by the State Regents' staff and the Council on Communication. A statewide press release and area specific press releases with photos are also organized by State Regents' staff and the Council on Communications.

NOTE: Institutions are responsible for letting their business partner know about the program and their submission. Invitations will be mailed from the State Regents to the institutions and their partners. In order to have an estimate of how many people will be attending the reception, an RSVP is required.