



2007 AIRA Center of Excellence Award Call for Nominations

“Data Use in Immunization Information Systems (IIS)”

The American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) is soliciting nominations for the 2007 AIRA Center of Excellence Award.

Purpose: The AIRA PROW Standards of Excellence were created to provide concrete ways in which an IIS could more fully and effectively support other activities within an Immunization Program. This year’s theme for the Center of Excellence Award is “Data Use in IIS: New Access to Data for Improved Program Operations.” The *Standards of Excellence Document* is available at the following link. Standards of excellence that involve data use are identified in this document.

<http://www.immregistries.org/pdf/PROWstandardscomp1.pdf>

Eligible Candidates: This award is open to Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and their Immunization Programs that have actively implemented the Standards of Excellence or similar activities to effectively use IIS data as a way to improve and/or support immunization program priorities. This nomination should reflect activities and achievements that have not been done in the past by that IIS and that occurred within the project year 2006- 2007. You may nominate your own IIS/Immunization Program or another. If you nominate another, please indicate on the nomination form whether you have informed them of their nomination.

Selection Criteria (100 points) Nominees will be judged based on their achievement in these areas:

Background Description (25 points):

- A. What issue, problem and/or unknown within the immunization program did you seek to address using IIS data?
- B. What were you hoping to achieve in using IIS data to address that need?

Justification (75 points)

C. Innovation (25 points)

In what way was the use of IIS data especially innovative in addressing an immunization program need? How was the use of this data different from previous uses of data?

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D. Effectiveness (25 points)

Did use of the IIS data achieve the desired goal or outcome? How did you go about using the data to reach that goal or outcome? What specific improvements were realized?

E. Sustainability and potential for replication (25 points)

Do you intend to continue using the IIS data in this way? Have you identified other ways in which data could be used to achieve other programmatic outcomes? How readily do you believe another immunization program and IIS could replicate your use of data to achieve a similar outcome?

Nomination Procedure: All submissions must be made online by **February 4, 2008**. The AIRA Center of Excellence Award nomination submission form is available on the AIRA web site at:

<http://www.immregistries.org/airaSurvey/index.php?sid=33>.

Center of Excellence Award Selection Procedures: The nominations will be reviewed and a final selection made by the AIRA Center of Excellence Nomination Committee consisting of representatives of the 2006 Center of Excellence Award recipients, the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), CDC's National Center for Infectious and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Every Child By Two (ECBT), Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII), Indian Health Services (IHS), and the AIRA Board of Directors.

Award Announcement: The recipient of the AIRA Center of Excellence Award will be notified via phone and email by February 25, 2008. The Award will be presented to the recipient during the **Opening Plenary** of the 42nd National Immunization Conference (NIC) on Monday, March 17, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information about the NIC please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/default.htm>.

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