



## 2009 AIRA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

#### ***“Data Reporting, Vaccine Management, and Provider Participation in Immunization Information Systems During the H1N1 2009 Influenza Epidemic”***

The American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) is soliciting nominations for the 2009 AIRA Center of Excellence (COE) Award. Up to three awards may be presented; one in each category. Efforts toward the award can have been implemented over the last two years.

**Purpose:** The AIRA PROW Standards of Excellence were created to provide concrete ways in which an IIS could support improvement in other activities within an Immunization Program. This year since the H1N1 2009 influenza epidemic has been at the forefront of immunization program activities, the categories for the Center of Excellence Award focus on H1N1 influenza data reporting, vaccine management and provider participation. 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 the H1N1 2009 influenza epidemic as a major immunization program priority. The nomination should reflect activities and achievements that have not been done in the past by that IIS and that occurred within the 2007-2009 period. 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.

#### **Examples of use of IIS data in the Award Categories**

**Data Reporting:** submit reports to the CRA, track H1N1 vaccines; GIS mapping of outbreaks and coverage; generation of state reports mandated for use by government officials and/or media; reminder/recall

**Vaccine Management:** manage H1N1 vaccine; evaluate provider adherence to ACIP guidelines; use of data to order, track and evaluate H1N1 influenza inventory management; response to vaccine lot recalls

**Provider Participation:** recruit new providers; train and monitor their use of the IIS to track H1N1 vaccine; identification of new types of providers that give immunizations; enrollment of different types of providers not typical to IIS (i.e., pharmacies, specialists dealing with adults, contracted immunizers for school-based clinics, etc.)

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**Selection Criteria (100 points)** Nominees will be judged based on their achievement in the following areas.

**Background Description (20 points):**

- A.** What issue, problem, and/or challenge within the immunization program with regard to 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine did you seek to address using your IIS? What were you hoping to achieve in using your IIS to address this need?

**Justification (80 points)**

**B. Measurable (20 points)**

What was your method and frequency of data collection, as well as your target goal? Briefly describe your action plan. How did you measure the outcome (what worked/what did not work)?

**C. Innovation (20 points)**

In what way was the use of the IIS especially innovative in addressing an immunization program need? How was your IIS used differently or how is it perceived differently by your immunization program and/or health department?

**D. Effectiveness/Impact (20 points)**

Did use of the IIS achieve the desired goal or outcome? What specific improvements were realized?

**E. Sustainability and potential for replication (20 points)**

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

**Nomination Procedure:** The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, February 26, 2010**. Please limit your submission to 500 words. All nominations must be submitted using the online nomination form: <http://www.immregistries.org/airaSurvey/index.php?sid=33>.

**Center of Excellence Award Selection:** The nominations will be reviewed and a final selection made by the AIRA Center of Excellence Review Panel, comprised of the following representatives: the 2008 Center of Excellence Award recipients; the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM); CDC's National Center for Infectious and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD); Indian Health Services (IHS); the AIRA Board of Directors and the PROW Steering Committee.

**Award Announcement:** The recipient of the AIRA Center of Excellence Award will be notified via phone and email by mid-March 2010. The Award will be presented to the recipient during the Opening Plenary of the 44th National Immunization Conference (NIC) on Monday, April 19, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia.

**For more information on the AIRA Center of Excellence Award, contact Cindy Sutliff, AIRA Executive Director, at [csutliff@health.nyc.gov](mailto:csutliff@health.nyc.gov) or 212-676-2325.**