



## **2008 AIRA Center of Excellence (COE) Award Call for Nominations**

### ***“Data Use, Data Quality, and Provider Participation in Immunization Information Systems (IIS)”***

The American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) is soliciting nominations for the *2008 AIRA Center of Excellence Award*. Please note that there are several changes in the COE nomination and award process. 1) Up to three awards may be presented; one in each designated category. 2) The 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. There are three categories for the Center of Excellence Award: Data Use, Data Quality, 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, regardless if they are or are not AIRA members, 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. These efforts can be in overall data use, in data quality activities or for improving provider participation. The nomination should reflect activities and achievements that have not been done in the past by that IIS and that occurred within the last two project years 2006-07 and/or 2007-08. 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 Areas:

Data Use – to generate VFC Provider Profile reports; AFIX audits, school immunization reporting; uptake of new vaccines, GIS mapping of outbreaks and coverage

Data Quality – to evaluate provider adherence to ACIP guidelines; use of data to evaluate inventory management

Provider Participation – to monitor data entry; completeness of immunization records; integration with provider systems

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

### **Background Description (20 points)**

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

### **Justification (80 points)**

#### **B. Measurable (20 points)**

Where you able to define an accurate and meaningful measurement for evaluating progress? What was your method and frequency of data collection, as well as your target goal? Briefly describe what your action plan.

#### **C. Innovation (20 points)**

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

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

Did use of the IIS data 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 data in this way? Have you identified other ways of using the data 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 13, 2009** and be no longer than 500 words. Access the AIRA Center of Excellence Award nomination submission form 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 from the 2007 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), 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 March 3, 2009. The Award will be presented to the recipient during the Opening Plenary of the 43<sup>rd</sup> National Immunization Conference (NIC) on Monday, March 30, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. For more information about the NIC, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/default.htm>.

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