

# AWARDS *packet*

August 22-24, 2017 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

## 2016 Award Winners

- **Outstanding Contribution to County Government Winner:**  
Senator Gerald Dial
- **Excellence In County Government Rural Category:**  
Pickens County: Workforce Development Plan
- **Excellence in County Government Urban Category:**  
Mobile County: Planning for the Future; The Time is Now

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## How is Your County Leading the State?

Has your county found an innovative solution to a problem, such as solid waste, road and bridge maintenance and construction, or the need for better financial management? Has your county initiated a successful loss-control program, an unusual project to utilize volunteers, a successful community corrections project, an innovative solution to personnel problems, or a productive effort at industrial development? Has your county launched an educational program to make the public more aware of county services, or to more directly involve the public in the governmental process?

If your county has initiated similar programs, or any outstanding or innovative effort, you would be a great candidate for the 2017 Award for Excellence in County Government!

The 26th Annual Awards for Excellence in County Government will be presented during the Annual Convention's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 24. This awards program is designed to bring statewide attention to outstanding accomplishments on the part of county government.

To ensure that all counties have a fair chance of being recognized, we will give Excellence in County Government Awards in two

categories. The first award will go to a rural county – a county with a population under 50,000. The second Excellence Award will go to an urban county – a county with a population of more than 50,000.

Over the years, this awards program has brought recognition to programs across the state ranging from innovative approaches to industry recruitment, to unusual efforts at solving community problems.

**The awards are intended to honor those programs implemented by the County Commission itself and not its agencies or boards. The awards are not to recognize those required programs that the county has carried out well, but instead honors those special efforts of County Commissions to meet the needs of their community in an innovative, unique or creative way.**

Please look closely at the guidelines and judging criteria located on page 2. The deadline for entries is Friday, June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions about the Excellence Awards, call the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594.

# 2017 Excellence in County Government Award

## Entry Guidelines

### ACCA 89th Annual Convention

#### Time Frame

The Program must have been completed or begun in the period between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

#### Eligible Programs

An eligible program is one initiated by the County Commission and is outstanding in quality or is innovative in its approach.

#### Submission of Entries

Excellence applications are limited to one per county. The entry should include a cover and an overview of the program (limited to no more than two typed pages) that details the following:

- Development of the Program Objective(s)
- Implementation of the Program (including involvement of the County Commission)
- Achievement of Objective(s)
- Benefit to the Tax Payers

Supporting materials, such as press clippings, photographs or printed materials may be submitted with the entry, but are not necessary. If such materials are submitted, they should be mounted on presentation board or presented in a notebook labeled for identification.

The entry form should be filled out and used as a cover sheet for the award entry.

#### Deadline for Entries

The deadline for entries is Friday, June 30, 2017. All entries must be received at the ACCA office by 4:30 p.m.

#### Mail or emails all entries to:

*[jdatcher@alabamacounties.org](mailto:jdatcher@alabamacounties.org)*

Association of County Commissions of Alabama

Attn: Jennifer Datcher

P.O. Box 5040

Montgomery, AL 36103

#### Judging of Entries

The entries will be judged by the ACCA Awards Committee with emphasis placed on the projects measurable results or improvements.

Excellence in County Government awards will be presented to those programs judged the most outstanding. Certificates of Excellence can also be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

The awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the ACCA's 89th Annual Convention being held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. Every effort will be made to contact the administrator in the winning counties, who will be responsible for contacting the appropriate persons in that county.

2017 Excellence in County  
Government Award

Entry Form

ACCA 89th Annual Convention



County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Category:  Rural (Population under 50,000)  
 Urban (Population more than 50,000)

**Email, mail or fax entries to:**  
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Montgomery, AL 36103  
Fax: (334) 263-7678 or  
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All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2017. Decision of the judges will be final.

## ACCA Offers Additional Awards and Recognition Opportunities

### ACCA 89th Annual Convention

In addition to the Excellence in County Government Award, the Association offers additional awards and recognition opportunities for individuals that will be presented during the awards ceremony at the Annual Convention on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

#### Outstanding Contribution to County Government

This award is given annually to individuals who have contributed to the betterment of county government in a manner above and beyond that is expected in their everyday duties. It is not a longevity award, but represents significant contributions to county government statewide.

Previous winners include Senator Gerald Dial, Houston County Commission Chairman Mark Culver, State Emergency Management Agency Director Art Faulkner, Tuscaloosa County Probate Judge Hardy McCollum; Rep. Bill Dukes; Mack Roberts, former director of the Alabama Department of Transportation; Buddy Sharpless, former executive director of the ACCA; Frank Courson, retired County Transportation Director for the Dept. of Transportation; Mike Scroggins, retired head of county audits for the Examiners of Public Accounts; and retired Montgomery County Commis-

sioner Bill Joseph. These winners followed a long line of leaders who have been honored for their dedication and contribution to county government. This award is for true accomplishment by an individual or organization. Those wishing to nominate someone should complete a form and return it to the ACCA office by the deadline.

#### Tenure In Office Award

This award is given to County Commissioners who have served in office for at least 16 years. It is given to commemorate each year served, in multiples of four years, once the 16th year is completed. For example, a commissioner who has just completed his or her 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th or 32nd year of office is eligible for the award.

It is the responsibility of the county to complete the entry form for this award. The ACCA staff does not have service records on all the County Commissioners. Make sure your County Administrator completes the form for all qualified Commissioners.

#### Memorials

Memorials are issued by the ACCA for Commissioners who have died in office since August 2014. Please have your administrator complete this form if your county has lost a Commissioner during the past year.

If you have any questions about the Excellence Awards, please call Jennifer Datcher in the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594 or send an email to [jdatcher@alabamacounties.org](mailto:jdatcher@alabamacounties.org).

2017 Outstanding Contribution  
to County Government Award

Nomination Form

ACCA 89th Annual Convention



Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates or length of service (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of service and contributions to county government (please use additional paper if needed):

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**Email, mail or fax nominations to:**  
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All nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2017. Decision of the judges will be final.  
**NOTE:** This award is presented to the person who has made outstanding contributions to county government statewide.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

2017 Tenure in Office Award

Entry Form

ACCA 89th Annual Convention



Note: Award is given to honor commissioners who have served 16 years or more and is presented following the completion of the 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th, 32nd, 36th, 40th, and so on years.

Name of Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

County Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on the county commission as of August 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served (please list all dates, even if there was break in between terms) \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2017 Memorials

## ACCA 89th Annual Convention



Please list any members of your county commission who passed away while in office during the past year (since July 2016).

Name of Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

County Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on the county commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information or remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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