

2006 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Name of Municipality Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD

Name of Municipality Nominated _____

Nominated Project _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Title _____ Department _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated John Hubbard

Nominated by City of Dunedin City Commission
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

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Person Completing Nomination Form

Please print or type.

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Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed 
City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

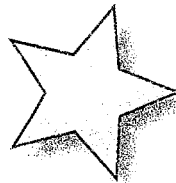
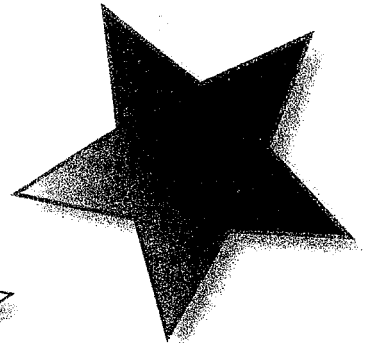
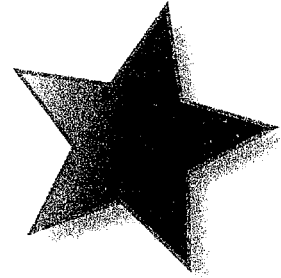
Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006:**
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
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**FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES
FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM**

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

**John G. Hubbard, City Attorney
City of Dunedin**

Judgment: Mr. Hubbard has always practiced preventative law for his municipal clients. He consistently recognizes trends and hot topics in the law and updates municipal ordinances and procedures before lawsuits occur. For example, he was one of the first municipal attorneys to recognize that municipal sign ordinances were coming under Constitutional attack in Federal Court in the past few years in Florida. While lawsuits were filed all around Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough Counties he guided one of his client cities through comprehensive sign ordinance amendments that staved off a pending attack. He is constantly at the forefront of making sure his municipal clients keep up with current trends in the law and that they amend their ordinances accordingly. He also keeps abreast of technological changes that affect the City ordinances. He ensured that City Information Technology contracts are drafted that take into account the latest technological trends and acceptance testing procedures.

Initiative: Mr. Hubbard has looked for innovative ways to work with cellular providers to encourage them to build towers with the least visual impact possible. He insisted on the use of camouflage technology for cell towers long before such technology became the norm. Mr. Hubbard has aided the historic City of Tarpon Springs as it works to update its Land Development Code to accommodate recent developments in planning and zoning while preserving the local flavor and historic nature of the City. Mr. Hubbard also drafted an ordinance for Tarpon Springs that allowed them more flexibility in the

purchase and sale of land in order to aid in that City's redevelopment efforts.

Integrity, Professionalism, Commitment & Citizen Relations: Mr. Hubbard was recognized by the Local Government section of the Florida Bar Association in 1995 for his outstanding contributions in the area of Government Ethics. He is also a recipient of the Paul S. Buchman Award of excellence from the Florida Municipal Attorney's Association. On many occasions each year including this year, Mr. Hubbard gives freely of his time and expertise to lecture in the areas of ethics, Sunshine laws, and public records laws to the Pinellas County Clerk's Association, the Florida Institute on Government and numerous other groups serving elected government officials and employees. Mr. Hubbard serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and has done so for almost seventeen years. He is the current President of the Dunedin Public Library Foundation.

Innovation: Mr. Hubbard was a pioneer in the area of impact fees. He was instrumental in successfully establishing a municipality's right to charge impact fees for developments and was a lead attorney in the landmark case of City of Dunedin v. Contractors & Builders Association of Pinellas County, 312 So.2d 763 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1975) (holding that the imposition of fees for the use of a municipal utility system is not an exercise of the taxing power nor is it a levy of a special assessment). Mr. Hubbard also aided the City of Dunedin in the adoption of one of the nation's first tree preservation ordinances. He was instrumental in the adoption of Dunedin's parking lot landscaping ordinance which was one of the Country's first such ordinances. Likewise, he wrote one of the first parkland dedication ordinances in the United States in the 1970's for Dunedin. Through this ordinance the City has received many acres of parkland for the public enjoyment.

Lastly, he was instrumental in the recommendation of the acquisition and purchase of Starkey Wilderness Park while serving on the Pinellas Anclote River Basin Board.

Commitment: Mr. Hubbard has been in government service all his professional life. He has been the City Attorney for the City of Dunedin from 1974 to the present time. He was the City Attorney for Belleair Bluffs from 1989 to 2005. He was the City Attorney for Tarpons Springs from 1996 to 2005, and he was the City Attorney for the City of Oldsmar from 1973 through 1987. Mr. Hubbard has also served as the City Attorney for Belleair Beach and aided in the re-write of the City Charter for the City of Fort Myers. Mr. Hubbard has remained a steady guiding force for the Cities he advises. This can be demonstrated by his current concern and commitment to the preservation of Home Rule Authority that is threatened by the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission. Mr. Hubbard is working with other City Attorney's in Pinellas County to oppose the adoption of harmful proposed County Charter amendments on the subjects of annexation and elimination of the dual referendum protection for Pinellas County municipalities. Mr. Hubbard is always available to work with elected officials, staff and citizens on the many aspects of City operations including legal opinions and guidance as well as drafting of ordinances and resolutions. As a valued member of the City's team, he also has aided staff with all development and redevelopment issues that greatly benefit the community. Hr. Hubbard is responsible for redrafting a new sign code that reflects the values of the community and protects against the onslaught of sign pollution and blight.