



NARC Achievement Awards

About the Awards

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is accepting nominations for the 2023 NARC Achievement Awards. Awards will be presented at an awards event during NARC's 57th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit, Michigan. NARC Achievement awards are presented annually to recognize excellence in programs and services of regional councils, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other regional organizations across the country.

NARC Achievement Awards recognize regional programs in the following categories:

- The **Major Metro Award** recognizes programs from regions with populations of 1 million and above.
- The **Medium Metro Award** recognizes programs from regions with populations between 250,000 and 1 million.
- The **Rural Award** recognizes programs from regions with populations below 250,000.

Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility: Nominees must be a member or group of members in good standing with NARC. State associations of regional councils or MPOs may apply as the nominee if the association is a NARC member and/or all the regional councils or MPOs of that state association are NARC members.

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- **Medium Metro Award** applicants must have populations between 250,000 and 1 million.
- **Rural Award** applicants must have populations below 250,000.

Criteria:

NARC Achievement Award nominations will be judged on:

- Significance of the program or project in promoting and exemplifying regional cooperation and coordination.
- Significance of the program or project in promoting and exemplifying regional excellence.
- Innovation in concept or approach.
- Impact of program or project on the region.
- Involvement of private and civic sectors.
- Originality, duplicability, and quality of the program or project.

Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted by Friday April 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM PT

Complete applications must include:

- A brief narrative outlining the reasons the nominated program is deserving of the award. The narrative should address the selection criteria outlined for the award(s) you are applying for and should be no more than two pages long.
- Please submit the following file: one or two PowerPoint slides highlighting the program or project. Slides will be used during the awards ceremony if the program or project is selected for an award.

Incomplete entries will be disqualified.