

**Economic Development Administration
Planning Performance Awards
Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008**

The week of September 8, 2008, Benjamin Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer, announced two EDA Planning Performance Award recipients for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2008.

Recipient: **Centralina Economic Development Commission (CEDC)**

Location: Charlotte, North Carolina

Planning Performance Award Amount: \$1,080

EDA Original Investment Amount: \$21,600

Investment Description:

In 2007, EDA invested \$21,600 to develop a Web site that facilitates communication among companies and government entities in the logistics cluster that stretches from northern Georgia to southern Virginia.

Description of Planning Performance Award Achievements:

CEDC demonstrated exceptional collaboration with federal, state, and local entities by bringing together the cluster's 20 organizations to discuss how best to strengthen their regional logistics industry. CEDC earned an EDA Planning Performance Award for its exceptionally collaborative implementation of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), as well as a Web site that integrates the 20 organizations that form the logistics cluster.

Recipient: **Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC)**

Location: Burlington, Iowa

Planning Performance Award Amount: \$2,550

EDA Original Investment Amount: \$51,000

Investment Description:

In 2007, EDA invested \$51,000 to support the implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to help this region transition from a durable goods manufacturing based economy to a technology and advanced manufacturing based economy.

Description of Planning Performance Award Achievements:

SEIRPC responded effectively to the changing global marketplace by focusing regional economic growth on workforce development, innovation in education and commercialization of emerging technologies. SEIRPC earned an EDA Planning Performance Award because it demonstrated exceptional collaboration with federal, state, regional, and local entities, to produce a CEDS that is market-driven and forward-looking. Additionally, SEIRPC, together with a private company, collaboratively manages a regional accelerator and venture capital fund to further assist start-up companies and entrepreneurs.