



**2013 Bonnie Teater
Community Development**

Early Career Achievement Award Recipient

David Shideler

**Oklahoma State University
Department of Agricultural Economics**

The Southern Rural Development Center is proud to honor Dr. David Shideler as the 2013 recipient of the *Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award*. Shideler is a member of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Shideler joined OSU in 2008 and quickly developed strong Extension programs and research in economic development. Speaking about Dr. Shideler's work, Department Head, Dr. Mike Woods noted, "The state economy and many communities in the state have seen significant tangible economic benefits in part because of his contributions to economic outreach." His long list of accomplishments includes over 125 reports on retail analysis, economic impact analysis and sustainable community/strategic planning. Additionally he has developed curriculum for the National e-Commerce Initiative of the Southern Rural Development Center.

On behalf of Shideler's nomination, Dr. Philip Watson, Department of Economics & Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho stated, "I am impressed with Dr. Shideler's research as well as his almost unparalleled track record of delivering effective community economic development outreach. Dave has a great national reputation; so much so that he was asked to be the Chair the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association's Community Economics Network."

Speaking of Shideler's involvement in one specific community, OSU colleague Dr. Renee Dougherty wrote, "He has provided compassionate and stimulating leadership. I have personally observed how Dr. Shideler's can-do approach has motivated the citizenry and elected officials to work through discouragement and stay on task."

Robert Toole, Oklahoma Conservation Programs Division Director described working with Shideler in these terms, "I had the personal privilege of working with Dr. Shideler during the development of the model that has become a very relevant tool for the conservation program in Oklahoma. In the course of the year that we worked together on the special project I came to respect and admire Dr. Shideler as a professional, as a business associate and as a person. His character, integrity, principles and standards were uncompromising as he endeavored to display exemplary performance serving others in every area of his life.

Clearly, Dr. Shideler's impressive portfolio of contributions in economic development, including publications, presentations, community analyses and collaborative networks, both in-state and nationally position him as very deserving of this prestigious awards. Thus, it is most fitting that Dr. David Shideler be honored as the Southern Rural Development Center 2013 recipient of the *Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award*.



About the Bonnie Teater Early Achievement Award

Bonnie Teater is a special individual to friends of the Southern Rural Development Center. For 30 years, she provided valuable support and day-to-day assistance to the Center as a member of its staff. She served as an inspiration to all because of the dedication she brought to her work and her passion for the rural development research and Extension outreach mission of the region's land-grant schools. She currently is enjoying retirement in her home state of Kentucky.

Award Selection Process

The *Early Career Achievement Award* is sponsored by the Southern Rural Development Center for the purpose of honoring the work of a "rising star" who has already achieved great things in his/her early career in community development. This is a new award that launched in 2011 and will hence forth be awarded on odd numbered years. Individuals must meet the following qualifications for eligibility:

- Be currently employed by one of the 29 land-grant universities located in the Southern Rural Development Center region
- Serve as an administrator, specialist or agent who has worked in the Extension CD area for ten years or less
- Have an impressive portfolio of Extension-related programs and publications

Furthermore, it is required that nomination packets be assembled and submitted to the SRDC by the deadline date. These packets include:

- A primary letter of nomination prepared by an Extension educator or administrator in the South who has an excellent command of the accomplishments of the nominee
- Select examples of CD Products developed by the nominee
- Support letters from up to three individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee's Extension CD work, and who can affirm the significance of the person's achievements in advancing CD work within a variety of arenas (i.e. state, region, national, international)

All packets submitted by the deadline date are evaluated by a subcommittee of the SRDC Technical and Operational Advisory Committee (TOAC), a group composed of land-grant university faculty and other rural development partners in the region. It is this subcommittee that selects the *Early Career Achievement* awardee.