The Southern Rural Development Center is pleased to announce that nominations are being sought for the Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award for 2015. Beginning in 2011, the Bonnie Teater award has alternated between honoring an early career recipient (on odd numbered years) and a recipient for the Extension Lifetime Achievement Award (on even numbered years).

The following provides specific information regarding this award and the deadline date for nominations to be received. The award is intended to recognize the work of an individual, not that of a team, in the Extension Community Development (CD) arena. The award comes with a $500 stipend.

Who is eligible: The nominee must meet the following conditions:

- Currently employed by one of the 29 land-grant universities located in the Southern Rural Development Center region,
- An administrator, specialist or agent who has worked in the Extension CD area for 10 years or less;
- Has built an impressive portfolio of Extension-related programs and publications at an early stage of his/her career in Extension.

Nomination Packet:

1. Primary Letter of Nomination: A “Primary Letter of Nomination” is required from an Extension educator or administrator in the South (but not the nominee) who has an excellent command of the accomplishments of the nominee. This letter should not exceed 3-4 single-spaced pages in length (using 12 point font) and should represent a concise summary of why the nominee is worthy of this award. The letter will serve as the centerpiece of the nomination process and should offer substantive evidence of the superior work that the nominee has achieved during the early phase of his/her Extension career. The primary nomination letter should include the following:

   - A description of the major community development-related achievements of the nominee over the course of his/her early career (defined as 10 years or less), with special attention to the significant impact of the person’s community development efforts at the state, Southern region, national, and/or international levels;

   - Highlights of key CD-related products that have been developed by the nominee during the early phases of his/her Extension career (i.e. curricula, fact sheets, websites, newsletters, articles, etc.) that have had an influence in shaping and enhancing community development work in their state, in the Southern region, and/or beyond;

   - Other important and relevant professional activities/committees in which the nominee has been involved that have helped advance Extension community development work at the state, regional, national and/or international levels.
2. **Examples of CD Products**: The individual who prepares the primary letter of nomination is encouraged to submit up to three Community Development-related products that have been prepared by the nominee that best exemplify the quality of that person’s Extension work. Providing electronic versions of these products would be ideal (i.e., PDF, or files accessible via a website), but if not feasible, the primary nominator is encouraged to submit a hard copy set of these documents to the SRDC (one copy of each product only). These documents will not be returned.

3. **Support Letters**: Up to three letters from individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee’s Extension CD work, and who can affirm the significance of the person’s early career achievements in advancing CD work within various arenas (i.e., state, region, national, international), are strongly recommended. We encourage that letters be drawn from a variety of sources, such as a county Extension educator, a colleague affiliated with another land-grant school, a government agency representative, a policymaker, a community leader, or other appropriate individuals. Select the combination of three support letters that makes the strongest case for the nominee’s achievements.

4. **Submit Entire Nomination Packet**: The person(s) preparing the primary letter of nomination is asked to assemble all the information/support materials and submit as a single packet to the Southern Rural Development Center.

**Deadline Date**
The nomination packet (primary letter, support letters, CD documents/resources) must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. Central Time, April 1, 2015**. Materials may also be submitted electronically by **5:00 p.m. Central Time on April 1, 2015**. Email submissions should be sent to: rachelw@srdc.msstate.edu.

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**Announcement of Award**
The recipient of the Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award will be formally announced at the NACDEP (National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals) Regional Meeting held in May 2015 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**About the Bonnie Teater 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 Southern Rural Development 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.