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Dear Mr. Meighen,

On behalf of the Small Town and Rural Planning (STaR) Division Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that your submittal of the ***West Central Mountains Economic Development Strategic*** plan was selected as a recipient of the 2016 Vernon Deines Merit Award for an Outstanding Small Town Special Project Plan. The Awards Committee was incredibly impressed with this plan, and feel it embodies the best of small town and rural planning. The Committee felt the ability to get such significant community input, particularly in a region as vast as the West Central Mountains, was award worthy. The breadth of community outreach techniques and support for the plan provides a model for communities of all sizes. The Committee also appreciated the focus on implementation techniques. The plan is well laid-out and the images help make the plan user-friendly. We congratulate you on your successful project!

Please join us for the Awards Reception and STaR Business Meeting on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 7:30pm – 9pm during the National Planning Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The reception will take place at the Sheraton and will honor award recipients. As an award recipient, we will highlight the West Central Mountains plan at the Business Meeting and in a future STaR newsletter article.

Please consider joining us for the entire conference (<https://conference.planning.org/conference/>). Some reimbursement of travel costs is available for an attendee from the communities in the West Central Mountain Region. In addition one member of the project team will receive a one-year membership in the STaR Division. Please contact me if you would like to take advantage of this travel assistance or the complimentary STaR membership. Additional copies of the award may be ordered for support staff and consultants at a nominal cost.

Congratulations on your Award Winning Project!

Sincerely,

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