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NPZA/NEAPA Awards Announcements

Press Release

The Nebraska Chapter of the America Planning Association (NEAPA) and the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association (NPZA) presented 15 awards to individuals, communities and elected bodies at the annual Nebraska Planning Conference on March 31, 2011 in Grand Island Nebraska.

The Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association presented the 2011 Mitsuo Kawamoto Award to:

This award was established in remembrance of Mitsuo Kawamoto, professional planner, landscape architect, and founding member of NPZA in 1966. Mits was a long time supporter of NPZA. He settled in Omaha in 1951 and set up his own land-use planning firm working with communities all across the state of Nebraska. The NPZA Board established the Mitsuo Kawamoto Award for Excellence in Planning in 1995 and presents it to deserving individuals serving the planning in the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association and its members. The award is presented at the annual Nebraska Planning Conference.

David Potter, Senior Community Planner, JEO Consulting Group Inc.

The following comments are from the award presentation:

- ✘ This individual is in the Metro District
- ✘ He has been a speaker/trainer/contributor to this conference for years
- ✘ He has provided outstanding professional service and leadership and continued commitment and contributions to the Advancement of Planning in the State of Nebraska.
- ✘ He has been involved in both the public and private sector
- ✘ He has also been known to have a monstrous appetite
- ✘ He served as the first zoning administrator for Colfax County and Bellwood
- ✘ He later went to work with the City of La Vista as a City Planner
- ✘ He was involved in the staff review for the new Cabelas and PayPal developments
- ✘ Dave has been involved in planning projects across Nebraska

A complete listing of the awards presented can be found at www.npza.org or

www.planningnebraska.org or by contacting Chad Nability at cnability@grand-island.com

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