

## **2013 Southeast Florida Award for Smart Growth Excellence**

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Applications are now being accepted for the **2013 Southeast Florida Awards for Smart Growth Excellence**. These awards honor public-and private-sector entities that have successfully used **Smart Growth Principles** <link to <http://www.smartgrowthpartnership.org/smart-growth-principles.html> > to improve communities environmentally, socially and economically.

There are five award entry categories, as well as one “Overall Excellence” award that’s granted based on the information within the applications in the individual awards categories. The five categories are: Programs, Policies and Regulations; Smart Growth and Green Building; Civic Places; Rural Smart Growth, and Community Assets.

Applications can be submitted by either public- or private-sector entities in Southeast Florida, but all applications must include a public-sector partner. Public sector entities include not only all levels of elected governments, from city councils to state legislatures, and their constituent parts (such as planning departments and other executive branch divisions), but also transit agencies, education departments and school districts, economic development commissions and similar entities. Private-sector entities are encouraged to submit applications for projects that demonstrate a significant public-private partnership. If successful, both public- and private-sector entities will be recognized as Smart Growth Excellence Awards winners.

Nonprofit organizations and individuals are not eligible for the award on their own. However, if a superior project is developed through a public-nonprofit partnership, Smart Growth Partnership will make the award to the public-sector entity while noting the nonprofit organization or individual involved with the project.

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**Note: the deadline for the awards application is November 15, 2012**