



Missouri Institute of Cooperatives

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TO: Friends of MIC
FROM: Matt Staley, President of MIC

Nominations are invited for the 2017 Missouri Cooperative Hall of Fame Awards. The awards will be presented at the **MIC Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 2017**.

MIC's goal is to recognize outstanding cooperative leaders from as many of our member cooperatives as feasible. The first step begins with you. Please take time to nominate leaders from your cooperative who have made significant, lasting contributions to Missouri cooperatives. **The selection committee must receive a nomination to consider deserving individuals for the award.**

Selection criteria and nomination forms are enclosed. Please review the selection criteria carefully, identify individuals from your cooperative who have made significant contributions and submit nominations for the awards. There are four categories:

- 1.) Heritage Award,
- 2.) Member (includes directors),
- 3.) Employee, or
- 4.) Friend of cooperatives (educator, legislator, media, community leaders, etc.).

Be sure to answer all of the questions on the form and to provide letters in support of the nomination. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 10, 2017**. A fillable electronic copy of the nomination form is available at www.mic.coop.

Since 2003, more than 60 exemplary cooperative leaders have received recognition through the Hall of Fame. Information about each inductee's remarkable contributions and achievements can also be found at www.mic.coop.

If your nominee is selected you will be asked to help provide materials for the award presentation and to participate in presenting the award.

Please contact the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives office at 573-882-0140 or LivingstonK@missouri.edu if you have any questions.

**Nominations must be postmarked by January 10, 2017.
Late nominations will not be accepted.**