**Stronger Economies Together**  
**Innovation in Regional Development Award**

**Objectives**
To recognize a SET region(s) that has effectively implemented an innovative process or strategy to support their region’s economic SET plan.

*For the purpose of these awards, innovation is understood as a method or practice that creatively addresses a regional economic development issue or goal in a novel manner that demonstrates impact.*

**Award**
Each winning region will receive a plaque honoring their accomplishments at one of the 2015 multi-state conferences in Roanoke, VA or Oklahoma City, OK.

**Eligibility**
All SET regions are eligible. A member of a state coaching team (SCT), regional team participant, or a key stakeholder from the region who is knowledgeable and supportive of SET activities in their respective region may nominate a SET region in their state.

**Evaluation Criteria**
Nominations will be judged on the following basis:

- Relative innovation of the approach
- Evidence that the innovation clearly supported a SET goal
- Evidence of significant impact of the approach

**Application Requirements**

- Complete the nomination form.
- Submit two letters of support from key stakeholders in the region who can describe how and why the process has been beneficial in regards to regional economic development implementation.
- Submit required documents electronically to Miranda Tucci at m.tucci@msstate.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, March 11, 2015. All award nominations will be submitted to the judging committee for review. Late or incomplete award nominations will not be considered. All decisions of the judging team are final.
Stronger Economies Together
Excellence in Regional Economic Development Work Award

Objective
To recognize a SET Regional Team for outstanding efforts related to their SET plan with an emphasis on effective collaboration and impact.

Award
Each winning region will receive a plaque honoring their accomplishments at one of the 2015 multi-state conferences in Roanoke, VA or Oklahoma City, OK.

Eligibility
A member of a state coaching team (SCT), regional team participant, or a key stakeholder from the region who is knowledgeable and supportive of SET activities in their respective region may nominate a SET region in their state.

Evaluation Criteria
Nominations will be judged on the following basis:

- Evidence of strong collaboration in support of a SET goal
- Evidence of significant impact of the approach

Application Requirements

- Complete the nomination form.
- Submit two letters of support from key stakeholders in the region who can describe how and why the process has been beneficial in regards to regional economic development implementation.
- Submit required documents electronically to Miranda Tucci at m.tucci@msstate.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, March 11, 2015. All award applications will be submitted to the judging committee for review. Late or incomplete award nominations will not be considered. All judging decisions are final.