

(Awarded to an Organization)

The recipient of this award must be an organization in Northeast Ohio and will be chosen based on the following criteria:

1. Record of innovation

- Inventiveness in creating new or reshaping traditional products or services that have demonstrably increased the organization's value and effectiveness to the community
- Clear record of accomplishment in addressing significant constituent challenges
- Ability to create breakthrough solutions that withstand the test of time

2. Expansion beyond traditional organizational boundaries

- Creativity in addressing urgent, relevant and complex problems
- Promotion of cross-functional teamwork within and outside the organization
- Collaboration within and/or outside the sector to create value added products or services

3. Creation of a culture/climate of innovation within the organization

- Established record of rewarding creativity, new ideas and fresh perspectives
- Organizational effectiveness at identifying pressing civic/community needs and anticipating and responding to future challenges
- Encouragement of high levels of individual initiative