

NCACC announces winners of the 2009-10 Local Government Federal Credit Union Employee Productivity Awards

The Association would like to announce the winners of the 2009-10 Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) Employee Productivity Awards (formerly known as the Ralph Ketner Employee Productivity Awards). Each year, LGFCU donates \$10,000 to reward outstanding county employees for their successful productivity initiatives. This year marks the Association's 19th year in organizing the program, and the second year of LGFCU sponsorship. To date, the program has attracted 1,440 project applications representing more than \$113 million in savings to our counties.

NCACC President Mary Accor appointed two review committees made up of commissioners, managers, county staff, and UNC School of Government faculty. One committee considered applications from managerial staff and one reviewed those submitted by line staff. The review committees met Aug. 6 to consider all eligible applications and selected the following county employees as having submitted the best productivity enhancements:

County	Name	Title of Improvement
Ashe	Barry Woodie	Heating Equipment Conversion
Buncombe	Jim Holland and team	Service Expansion/Improvement via Strategic Management
Buncombe	Rich Munger	Crisis Intervention/Jail Diversion
Catawba	Sarah Shumate, Heather Ball, Adrienne Overby	Educational Services Initiative
Cleveland	Linda Wiggins	Mass Garnishments
Cumberland	Hank Debnam, Wayne Cannon	Crisis Intervention Team
Durham	Ellen Holliman, Gudrun Parmer and team	Durham Assessment Team
Gaston	Richard Dodd and team	Inspections Central Software
Pitt	William Brantley	Cost Savings for Postage and Certified Mail
Robeson	Enid Begay and team	Jail Health Medication Cost Reduction

Each employee or team of employees will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of recognition at the opening General Session during the Association's Annual Conference, to be held in Pitt County on Aug. 26-29. To ensure that the local media is informed of the employee's achievements, Association staff will also send press releases describing the employee's productivity initiative.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners wants to thank all county employees who sent in productivity ideas in response to the LGFCU Employee Productivity Awards Program for your commitment to improving county government.