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To: Executive Committee
From: Brenda Wilson
Subject: Annual Dinner

Action Recommended: Provide Direction

Background:

Each spring, LCOG celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year. For several years prior to the Pandemic, the Annual Dinner was held at Lane Community College's and dinner was prepared and served by the College's Culinary Arts Program students. During the Pandemic, however, that program and the meeting space closed. Accordingly, last year, the Annual Dinner was held at the Cottage Grove Armory. We have tentatively reserved the Armory for March 8 and 9, 2024 (Friday and Saturday, respectively).

The Annual Dinner is an awards Dinner. LCOG recognizes those that have performed above and beyond and/or have dedicated their lives to public service. Last year, we also held silent auction was also held to raise funds for LCOG's Senior Meals Program.

Over the years, LCOG has sought nominations in various ways, most recently by sending out a request to all regional partners, although that has not always provided good results. The current awards are:

Elected Officials, Public Employees, Citizens, Intergovernmental Teams, Economic Enhancement Work, and Public Service Career.

Thoughts on these categories, the nomination process, and venue will be discussed as part of this agenda item.