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Dubuque named an All-America City

In most prestigious civic recognition competition in the United States

DUBUQUE, IOWA — Dubuque, Iowa was announced as one of ten cities to receive the 2007 All-America City award—the oldest and most prestigious civic recognition competition in the United States.

The National Civic League, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, has presented the award to just over 500 recipients during the past six decades. The award is conferred onto a city based on criteria such as health care, environmental protection, demographic change, economic development, promotion of the arts, cultural diversity, education, neighborhood revitalization, as well as public safety.

“Dubuque is honored and elated to be named an All-America City,” said Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol. “We are very proud to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the many remarkable volunteers, agencies and organizations that put service above self to turn challenges into opportunities for community growth and progress. This award, simply stated, pays tribute to the spirit of collaboration and tradition of partnerships that have become the hallmark of Dubuque’s vision and success.”

“These All-America cities symbolize the spirit of grass roots democracy and community problem solving,” said Gloria Rubio-Cortés, president and CEO of the Denver-based nonprofit organization that awards communities for outstanding civic accomplishments. “Their award-winning efforts addressed some of the most difficult challenges facing communities today.”

After an extensive application/screening process, each finalist community sent a delegation of civic activists to present three examples of collaborative community problem solving. A “jury” of experts on local government and community affairs selected the ten winners based on their stories of positive community change. The winners were selected in part for their ability to engage a broad cross section of the community, including youth, business leaders, elected officials, city staff and nonprofit groups in civic dialogues leading to tangible results.

