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Economic development group lands state awards

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FARMINGTON — Credit San Juan Economic Development Service with garnering two more awards for its work. The organization received state awards for a paid advertisement explaining the services it provides to San Juan County, and for its work fighting the pit rules as they were initially proposed by New Mexico's Oil Conservation District.

SJEDS assembled packets of information explaining how and why the proposed regulations would hurt San Juan County's oil and gas producing companies, hand-delivering them to all New Mexico legislators as the 2008 Budget Session was underway.

Officially the awards are the 2008 Rural Alliance Economic Development Awards Paid Advertisement and the 2008 Rural Alliance Economic Development Awards Best Targeted Industry/Client Proposal.

The Strategies for Economic Success theme of the 2008 Rural Economic Development Forum underscored the organization's opinion of **SJEDS'** efforts.

The awards give statewide recognition to communities for their "outstanding achievement" in economic development marketing and promotion, according to information supplied by Sharlene Begay-Platero, event award chairwoman.

"These awards are recognized statewide as the premier awards for outstanding achievement in New Mexico," information from the organization stated. "The awards are given to encourage and recognize excellence in materials, individuals and organizations."

Added Robert O. "Bob" Coppedge, Ph.D., president of New Mexico Rural Alliance, "Farmington certainly deserved the awards. It was also awarded the site for the next forum, in about one year."

Coppedge said the 2009 Rural Economic Development Awards Dinner is likely to bring as many as 200 people to San Juan County.

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