

## **Mexico: Government and Local Management Award**

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The Government and Local Management Award, administered annually by the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), was established in 2001 with the goals of identifying, analyzing, recognizing, and disseminating Mexican government best practices. The emphasis of the Award selection committee is on efficiency, social responsibility, and the effective distribution of material and economic resources. Any of the Republic's organizations of indigenous people, 2,439 municipalities, and 16 capital districts are eligible to apply for the Award.

All program participants are entered into a central database, with the intention of consolidating Mexican best practices and allowing other innovators to study and replicate these programs. Each year, the Program edits a book and a CD ROM summarizing the efforts of the Award applicants, which is then made available to public administrators and to academic researchers interested in local governance. During its six years of existence, from 2001 to 2006, the Government and Local Management Award Program has documented 2,603 programs.



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