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## **BEAVERTON BOLD PROGRAM WINS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AWARD**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – The City of Beaverton’s BOLD (Beaverton Organizing and Leadership Development) program has won a 2016 Public Involvement Best Practices Award from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. The 2016 Best Planning/Policy Making Project award was given to the City of Beaverton for BOLD’s innovative approach to engaging historically underrepresented populations in city government.

“We’re honored to receive this recognition from a highly respected organization like IAP2,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “We’re very proud of the BOLD program and how it has helped us build bridges to our increasingly diverse population. I want to say thanks to our partners at Unite Oregon and all of the graduates who have stepped up to participate and make this a shining success.”

BOLD is a leadership and civic engagement program offered by the city in partnership with Unite Oregon (formerly the Center for Intercultural Organizing). The program is held each spring and is specifically designed for immigrants, refugees and people of color. The program exposes participants to the fundamentals of community leadership, cross-cultural organizing, structure of local government, and ways to get involved. Including members of the 2016 cohort, more than 80 people have participated in the four years the program has been offered.

The awards were presented at the chapter’s biennial PI Works! conference held last week in Bend, OR. In addition to the City of Beaverton’s BOLD program winning for 2016 Best Planning/Policy Making Project, the Portland Water Bureau and JLA received the 2016 Best Capital Project award for the Washington Park Reservoir Improvements Project.

IAP2 is an international association of members who seek to promote and improve the practice of public participation in relation to individuals, governments, institutions, and other entities that affect the public interest in nations throughout the world. The IAP2 Cascade Chapter Public Involvement Best Practice Awards recognize projects in Oregon and Southwest Washington that promote meaningful and innovative opportunities for community engagement. Projects must be in the public realm (planning, construction or policy making). The IAP2 Core Values provide the basis for evaluating award nominations.

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**Caption:** The City of Beaverton's BOLD (Beaverton Organizing and Leadership Development) program has won a 2016 Public Involvement Best Practices Award from the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. BOLD is an innovative program that engages historically underrepresented populations in city government and leadership. Pictured: participants from the 2016 BOLD cohort. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*