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Hey,

Just sharing information from Becker.

Bill

From: David Becker <dbecker@electioninnovation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Bill Cowles <Bill@ocfelections.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to receive CEIR's Defender of Democracy Award, July 11

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Hi Bill,

So great to see you last week, and thanks for having me again! Thanks for all this information!

Totally fine re: expenses. That's totally up to you.

If you and everyone else RSVPs via the link in the invitation, you'll see the link to make hotel reservations. You should make the reservations on your own, and if anyone receiving an award wants to have CEIR cover the hotel, we're happy to do so.

As for guests/spouses, they are very welcome to come to the panel discussion from 4-6pm on July 11, and the reception from 6-7pm. However, we expect space to be very limited for the dinner, so for now only invitees can attend the dinner from 7-9pm. If that changes, I'll let you know, and we'll keep any requests on file so we can try to accommodate guests. Please have everyone make a note of that in their RSVP.

Thanks! Feel free to pass this information on, and looking forward to seeing you all! In the meantime, the most important thing is to have everyone RSVP via the link as soon as possible.

David

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From: Bill Cowles <Bill@ocfelections.gov>

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 5:16 PM

To: David Becker <dbecker@electioninnovation.org>

Subject: RE: Invitation to receive CEIR's Defender of Democracy Award, July 11

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

It was nice having you at the FSE Summer Conference this past week. It's always good seeing and hearing your thoughts. Let us know when your speaking in the Virgin Islands!!!

Many thanks for the opportunity to attend the event on Monday, July 11th. I have done the on-line RSVP. I think you already know that I and the others will probably not be asking for you to cover our expenses due to the new law, which you spoke to! However, have you all made any special arrangements with the hotel that we should know about? Additionally, I know my spouse and potential others will be traveling with us. Are they invited to the Awards Dinner? I'm assuming the event is business dress. You know these are the truly important questions.

Again, thanks for including me.

Bill

From: David Becker <dbecker@electioninnovation.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:25 PM

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Hello all,

On behalf of the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Election Innovation & Research (CEIR), I would like to invite you receive CEIR's Defender of Democracy Award at our dinner event in Washington, DC on July 11. We are inviting you to accept this award on behalf of all election workers throughout the State of Florida, for their continuing efforts over the past several years to preserve and protect the integrity of elections in the state.

You should have each received the official invitation this week. CEIR is a 501c(3), and our dinner event will be bipartisan, recognizing election officials of both parties, throughout the nation, and feature speakers from across the political spectrum. We expect to announce several prominent speakers shortly. This event is by invitation-only, and is not a fundraiser. Tickets are non-transferrable and cannot be purchased. The attendees will predominantly be election officials from around the country.

We are not publicly announcing the awards yet, so please do not share this information with others yet.

Thank you for all you do to give voice to eligible voters throughout your state! We hope you can attend and accept this award! CEIR can cover hotel and airfare for your travel, if you can accept it, or you are welcome to cover your own expenses if you prefer. Please RSVP and let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you all on July 11.

Best,
David Becker

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