

CDCG Scholarships for NAO Policy Days

- Goal:** To increase the representation of Center Directors at NAO Spring Policy Days
- Rationale:** Cost of attendance of approximately \$1000 is prohibitive to many Centers who have valuable stories to tell.
- Plan:** CDCG will use designated funds to provide three \$500 scholarships to permit three Center Directors to attend Policy Days. These funds are for those who could not otherwise participate in this critical event.

Process:

- ☛ Interested Center Directors should submit a brief email to Mary Mitchell at (mmitchell@institute2000.org) CDCG Scholarship Committee chair, stating their interest, financial need and how they meet the criteria listed below – **Note – Deadline is March 9, 2009**
- ☛ CDCG Scholarship Committee will prioritize applications based on these criteria, make determinations **one month before Spring Policy Days** and immediately contact selected recipients.
- ☛ Recipients will be required to make their own travel arrangements, attend meetings and submit travel invoice to NAO following Policy Days.
- ☛ Reimbursement will be limited to \$500 per Center selected.

Criteria: Center Directors will be given preference as follows:

1. Interested Center Directors in states with federal representatives on congressional budget committees (see Congressional websites), with a self-declared financial need.
2. Interested Center Directors who have not attended previous 'Hill Visits' or Policy Days, with a self-declared financial need.
3. Interested Center Directors with self-declared financial need on a first come, first served basis.
4. Interested Center Directors must be a member of NAO in good standing.