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TO: Friends of MIC
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October has been designated Cooperative Month and is a time to recognize the benefits cooperatives bring to our members and communities. As part of the celebration, MIC asks you to reflect on your cooperative's achievements and the leaders who fostered the cooperative's success. Nominations are invited for the 2011 Missouri Cooperative Hall of Fame Awards. The awards will be presented at the **MIC Annual Banquet, March 15**. Since 2003 more than 40 exemplary cooperative leaders received special acknowledgement and recognition through the Hall of Fame. Read about each inductee's remarkable contributions and achievements at www.mic.coop/HallofFame.htm

Is your cooperative missing from the list of those whose leaders have been recognized with a Hall of Fame Award? **It is the responsibility of each cooperative to submit nominations.** The selection committee must first receive a nomination to consider individuals for the award.

Selection criteria and nomination forms are enclosed. Please take time to identify individuals that have made significant contributions to cooperatives and submit nominations for the awards. There are four categories: 1.) Heritage Award 2.) Member (includes directors), 3.) Employee or 4.) Friend of cooperatives (educator, legislator, media, community leaders, etc.).

Be sure to answer all of the questions on the form and to provide letters supporting the nomination. The deadline for the nomination is **December 8, 2010**. Electronic copies of the nomination forms are available at www.mic.coop.

If your nominee is selected to receive an award you will be asked to help provide materials for the award presentation.

Please contact the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives office at 573-882-0140 or LivingstonK@missouri.edu if you have any questions.

**Nominations must be postmarked by December 8, 2010.
Late nominations will not be accepted.**