



## Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood

Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY), the Prince of Pork, has publicly sworn off earmarking. However, CREW found Rep. Rogers has also used less transparent tactics to steer millions of federal dollars to a complicated web of pet recipients. Additionally, *Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood* details in unprecedented depth how companies and nonprofits tied to Rep. Rogers operate in tandem, sharing key personnel and awarding each other work.

This report examines the links between seven nonprofits Rep. Rogers helped start, a nonprofit venture capital firm, and eight private companies. Also included is Somerset, Kentucky-based Citizens National Bank, which is partially owned by Rep. Rogers.<sup>1</sup> The report lays out how Rep. Rogers' influence over the appropriations process and the ways he has structured federal spending in his southeastern Kentucky district leaves him positioned to continue directing money to favorite projects, regardless of the earmark ban.

*Rep. Rogers' Neighborhood* includes descriptions of each of the nonprofits and companies, and describes the connections between them. The first section of the report covers the seven nonprofits Rep. Rogers helped found: The Center for Rural Development, Inc. (CRD), Forward in the Fifth, Inc. (FIF), Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (SKED), Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. (TOUR SEKY), Eastern Kentucky Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment, Inc. (PRIDE), Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. (UNITE), and The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. (NIHS). The nonprofits collectively employ 147 people, according to their most recent tax forms.<sup>2</sup> The tax forms also disclose salaries for twelve paid board members – some whom work only part-time – who made an average of \$104,000 per year, ranging from a high of \$173,581 to a low of \$69,339.<sup>3</sup> CREW also included nonprofit venture capital firm Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. (KHIC).

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<sup>1</sup> Rep. Hal Rogers, Personal Financial Disclosure for Calendar Year 2009, filed May 14, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, February 22, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part I, Line 12, February 16, 2010; The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 6, 2010; Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 3, 2010; Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, November 4, 2009; Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, October 30, 2009; Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part I, Line 5, May 7, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> The Center for Rural Development, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, February 22, 2010; Forward in the Fifth, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990-EZ, Response to Part IV, February 16, 2010; The National Institute for Hometown Security, Inc. 2008 IRS Form 990, Response to Part VII, Section A, May 6, 2010; Eastern Kentucky

























































