ELIGIBILITY

1. General Eligibility. Eligible works must be first edition full-length books of nonfiction devoted to a broad consideration of the Great Plains (see map), whatever their disciplinary perspective. Case studies with wide-ranging implications for the region will be considered. Books must be written in English, published professionally, and assigned an ISBN.

2. Ineligible Works. Edited collections and anthologies with single or multiple authors will not be considered, nor will memoirs, autobiographies, plays, reprints, or volumes of poetry or fiction, nor will books with spiral or loose-leaf binding. Books sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies or authored by any Center employee or member of the judging panel will also be ineligible.

3. Release Dates. Only books with a 2012 copyright will be considered.

4. Deadline. Books must be submitted no later than January 21, 2013. Publishers or authors may submit books soon after their publication.

5. Nominations. Book nominations may be submitted only by publishers or authors.

6. Limits. No more than five (5) titles by one publisher may be submitted.

7. Eligibility Disputes. The judges will decide any dispute over a book’s eligibility. Decisions made by the judges will be final.

ENTRY

1. Number of Copies. Five (5) copies of each nominated book should be submitted. Books should be in final finished form. Cloth or paper editions are accepted.

2. Entry Forms. No entry form or entry fee is required. Publisher or author must include a cover letter stating the book is to be considered for the Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize and provide contact information for both the publisher and the author.

3. Submission Address. All submissions, including cover letter and contact information, should be shipped to the Center for Great Plains Studies by January 21, 2013.

BENEFITS

1. The author of the winning title will receive a $5,000 cash prize and will be invited to present a lecture at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Travel expenses will be provided by the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies.

2. Press releases announcing the winning title will be sent to selected newspapers, websites, periodicals, and wire services.

3. The winning title, along with reviews, cover image, and publisher link, will be posted on the Center for Great Plains Studies’ website. An announcement of the winning title will appear in the Center’s scholarly journals.