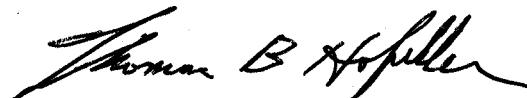


For: FFAS Employees

2009 Innovations in American Government Award

Approved by: Associate Administrator for Operations and Management



1 Overview

A Background

USDA has been invited to submit nominations for the 2009 Innovations in American Government Award sponsored by Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. These awards recognize exemplary achievements in government problem solving and serve to amplify the voices of public innovators in communicating their practices.

The 2009 Innovations in American Government Award program:

- strives to identify and celebrate outstanding examples of creative problem solving in the public sector and all units of government within the United States of America
- provides concrete evidence that government can work to improve the quality of life for citizens and that it deserves greater public trust.

B Purpose

This notice:

- announces the 2009 Innovations in American Government Award
- requests award nominations submissions by **COB September 1, 2008.**

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2008	All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Nomination Process

A Eligibility

All USDA agencies are eligible for recognition and awards.

B Timeline

Contact Stephanie Brown, Human Resources Specialist by either e-mail at **stephaniesybil.brown@usda.gov** or telephone at 202-401-0694 by **COB September 1, 2008**, of an employee's intent to submit a nomination for the 2009 Innovations in American Government Award. Upon reviewing the nomination package and all required agency approvals, employees will be notified whether to proceed with the sponsor's submission process. The award nomination information and forms are available at **www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu**.

C Contacts

If there are questions or additional information is needed, contact either of the following:

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