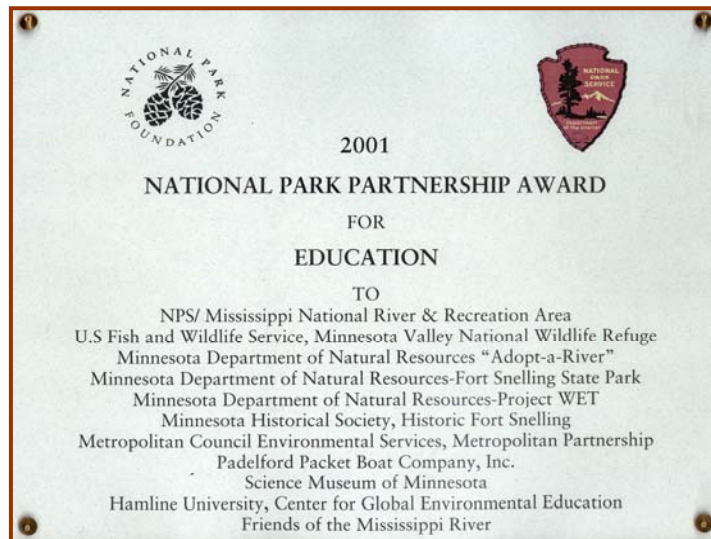


## National Park Foundation Partnership Award

In 2001 the National Park Foundation selected the Big River Journey Partnership as recipient of the National Park Partnership Award in Education. The award, together with a \$5000 grant, was presented in a special ceremony and reception held in Washington, D.C. with members of Congress present. The award honors a partnership between a National Park and at least one external organization that has achieved significant results. (Big River Journey included ten partner organizations in 2001 - federal and state agencies, educational institutions, non-profits, and a private company.) The partnership chosen best exemplifies the ideals of National Park Foundation for public-private collaboration, and advances the mission of the National Park Service.



Pictured in photo: left to right- Lyndon Torstenson-National Park Service, Jim Kosmo- Padelford Packet Boat Co., Sue McDonald-Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and Paul Kurvers-Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Fort Snelling State Park