

Technical List of External Awards and Fellowships

Numerous independent organizations and government agencies sponsor awards to recognize outstanding public service achievements. Below are external awards and fellowships coordinated through the Department's Events Management and Community Service Office (EMCS). Specific criteria and nomination deadlines are sent to the Heads of Components, Bureau Personnel Officers and/or Executive Officers on an annual basis.

| Approx. Nomination Period | Award | Purpose | Criteria |
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| January | Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP)/Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award | For distinguished leadership in financial management improvement. | Senior Federal, State or local government employees who have demonstrated excellence in financial management technology, policies, and practices. |
| | White House Closing the Circle Awards | For success in the areas of waste reduction, recycling, and affirmative procurement innovations. | Federal employees and agencies |
| | Public Service Excellence Awards sponsored by the Public Employees Roundtable | To encourage innovation and excellence in government; reinforce pride in public service; and call attention to the broad range of services provided by public employees. | Federal, State, city, county, intergovernmental, international and community service programs, not individuals. |
| | Alternative Fuels, Conservation, and Awareness Awards; Bob Baker Fleet Manager of the Year Awards sponsored by the General Services Administration | Commitment to the use of alternative fuels and fuel conservation in Federal motor vehicles; demonstration of exceptional skills and abilities in the Federal motor vehicle fleet management profession. | Federal employees. |
| | Federal Technology Service Awards sponsored by the General Services Administration | For the innovative and cost effective use of the Federal Telecommunications Service and regional/local telecommunication services. | Federal employees, either individual or teams. |

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| | International Personnel Management Association (IPMA) Federal Section Leading Edge Award and the Linda Trunzo Humanitarian Award | To recognize Federal human resource professionals in two categories - employees of agencies with 5,000 or fewer employees, and agencies with more than 5,000 employees; and who have demonstrated outstanding humanitarian contributions outside of their Federal workplace. | Federal human resource professionals. |
| February | Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy, sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund | To study, travel, and gain experience in public policy in New Zealand, including first-hand knowledge of economic, social and political reforms, and management of the government sector. | Federal mid-career professionals active in public, business or non-profit sectors. |
| | Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Fellows Program, sponsored by the Department of Labor | Offers career development opportunities to promising Federal financial managers. | Federal financial managers. |
| March | Federal Mail Manager of the Year and Federal Mail Center Excellence Awards, sponsored by the General Services Administration | To recognize employees responsible for managing. | Federal mail managers and mail employees. |
| | National Capital Area Chapter Public Administration Awards of the American Society for Public Administration | For innovative contributions in policy or management, excellence in studies or analyses of the effectiveness of governmental programs, or leadership during a career in Federal service. | Federal employees and/or organizations. |
| | Trail Boss of the Year Award, sponsored by the General Services Administration | To recognize the innovative approaches and outstanding achievements of Federal program managers involved in major IT systems acquisitions | Senior Federal managers. |

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| | Arthur S. Flemming Award, sponsored by George Washington University | To recognize those who epitomize outstanding achievement in public service, to encourage high standards of performance, to enhance appreciation of our form of government, and to attract and retain outstanding persons to the Federal service. | Federal employees with at least 3 but no more 15 years of Federal service. |
| | Training Officers Conference Distinguished Service Awards, sponsored by George Washington University | For outstanding service in the categories of HRM including needs assessment, career development, Instructional design, training evaluation, training research, learning technology, and the Spencer Logan Award for senior trainers who have made outstanding innovations in the HRD/Education community. | Federal employees, teams and/or Agencies. |
| | Mike Mansfield Fellowship, sponsored by The Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs | To build a cadre of Federal employees who have lived in Japan and worked on long-term projects in Japanese ministries who can manage U.S.-Japan relationships. | Federal employees who have a career interest in the issues of the importance to the US-Japan relationship. |
| | National War College, sponsored by the Department of Defense | An academic course concerned with higher education and research in matters relating to national defense. | Federal executive-level service employees. |
| April | Dr. Nathan Davis Awards, sponsored by the American Medical Association | To recognize outstanding contributions that advance public health. | Elected officials and career public servants in Federal, State, and local governments. |
| | Federal Property Manager, sponsored by the National Property Management Association | To provide recognition to managers in the Federal government for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in the field of property management. | Federal managers in the property management field. |

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| | William A. Jump Memorial Foundation Award, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture | For outstanding service in administration and notable contributions to efficiency and quality of public service. | Career government employees under age 37, with 5 years of service. |
| | American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Outstanding Certified Public Accountants Award | To recognize the achievements of CPAs employed by the Federal Government. | Federal employees who are members of the AICPA and/or a CPA society. |
| May | Federal Energy and Water Awards, sponsored by the Department of Energy | To honor individuals, small groups, and organizations for outstanding performance to the efficient use of energy and water resources. | Federal employees. |
| | Excellence in Government Fellowship, sponsored by the Council for Excellence in Government | Leadership development program designed to help government leader create powerful results in an ever-changing environment. | Federal managers at the GS/GM 14 and 15 level. |
| | International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Webber Seavey Award | To recognize law enforcement programs throughout the world, and serve as a symbol of teamwork at its best and law enforcement at its finest. | Federal law enforcement officials. |
| June | OPM Director's Award for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) | To recognize outstanding Federal agency ADR programs that focus on resolving internal employee workplace disputes. | Federal organizations with innovative and effective internal ADR programs. |
| | OPM's Performance, Incentives and Leadership Linked to Achieve Results Award | To recognize exemplary performance management practices in achieving the unique missions and strategic goals of the Government. | Internal programs or practices. |

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| | Frank B. Rowlett Awards for Superior Individual and Organizational Achievement in Information Systems Security, sponsored by the National Security Agency, Central Security Service | To recognize major contributions by individuals and organizations whose efforts have significantly enhanced the advancement of information systems security in either classified or unclassified security related areas. | Federal employees and/or organizations. |
| | GSA Achievement Award for Real Property Innovation | To recognize role models in the best policy and best practice areas of Federal real property policy and management practices. | Federal employees. |
| | Henry B. Betts Award, sponsored by the Prince Charitable Trusts | To recognize individuals whose broad scale efforts have served to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. | All levels of public, service - local, State, Federal and international governments, and public service non-profit organizations. |
| | Women of Color Technology Awards, sponsored by the Career Communications Group, Inc. | To target, recognize and reward minority women for their excellence in technological advancement. | Minority women and/or Federal agencies. |
| July | International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association Awards | To recognize outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves in the performance of duty in the area of narcotic enforcement. | Federal law enforcement agents. |
| | Department of Labor Sheila Williams Memorial Award | To honor those who have contributed outstanding and meritorious endeavors on behalf of people with disabilities. | Federal employees, agencies and institutions. |
| August | Younger Federal Lawyer Award, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association | To recognize younger Federal lawyers throughout the Nation and overseas who attain high standards of professional achievement. | Young Federal lawyers under the age of 36. |

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| | National Medal of Technology, sponsored by the Department of Commerce | To recognize American innovators who have made lasting contributions to enhancing America's competitiveness and standard of living through technological advancements. | Federal employees. |
| September | GEICO Public Service Awards | To recognize individual achievements in the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment; fire prevention and safety; physical rehabilitation; and traffic safety and accident prevention. | Four current Federal employees and one retired Federal employee. |
| | Killian Award, sponsored by The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board | To recognize those who have focused on foreign intelligence activities that are of critical importance to the national security of the United States. | Working-level intelligence professionals. |
| | Federal Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Department of Energy | To recognize and honor employees that have provided exemplary public service to the nation or have strengthened ties between the Federal Government and the Hispanic community. | Federal employees. |
| October | W. Edwards Deming Outstanding Training Award, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture Graduate School | To recognize a Federal government organization for the completion of an innovative and impressive employee development and training initiative that has achieved measurable results. | Federal government unit or department. |
| | John N. Sturdivant National Partnership Award, sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management | To recognize achievements of labor-management partnerships working together to create a government that works better and costs less. | All types and levels of labor-management partnerships including agency, regional, local, task force or ad hoc groups. |

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| | National Public Service Award | To recognize outstanding practitioners in public service and to give greater recognition and support for individuals who have made a difference in public administration. | All levels of public service-local, State, Federal and inter-national governments, and public service non-profit organizations. |
| | Black Engineer of the Year, sponsored by the Career Communications Group | To recognize and reward the accomplishments of black scientists and engineers for their excellence in the fields of engineering, science, and technology. | Black Federal employees. |
| November | Beatrice Rosenberg Award, sponsored by the District of Columbia Bar Association | To recognize outstanding government lawyers for their contributions to the legal profession. | Current or previously employed lawyers at the Federal, State or local levels. |
| December | National Operations Security Award, sponsored by the Inter-agency Operations Security Support Staff | To recognize individuals and organizational excellence in the area of operations security. | Any Federal employee or supporting contractor. |
| | O. J. Hawkins Award, sponsored by the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics | To recognize an individual's service, dedication, and contributions which have improved the justice community's ability to develop and use criminal justice information. | Federal, State or local criminal justice practitioner, legislator, academician, or individual in the private sector. |