

# SOUTHERN REGION AVIATION SERVICES AWARDS PROGRAM

## **PURPOSE:**

To recognize NWS Southern Region offices (to include the work of all office personnel) in support of aviation weather forecasting and the effort to improve NWS Southern Region aviation products and services.

## **TYPE OF RECOGNITION:**

Four “Cup” Style trophies will be awarded the deserving offices at on a quarterly basis. The Cup will remain at the office for 1 year. At the end of the 1 year period, if another office earns the selection for the award period, the trophy will pass to the gaining office. A commemorative plaque will be issued to the selected office when the trophy passes to another office.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Any office within the Southern Region:

- a. Weather Forecast Office (WFO).
- b. Center Weather Service Unit (CWSU).
- c. Spaceflight Meteorology Group (SMG).
- d. NWS FAA Academy.

## **TYPES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The award will be presented to an office the demonstrates superior performance during the award period. Initiatives outlined in Operation Pathfinder will serve a good guide. Here are 4 examples (not inclusive) of superior performance within an office that merit a nomination:

- a. Verification scores for the entire suite of aviation products (i.e. Terminal Aerodrome, Airport Weather Warnings, Center Weather Advisories).
- b. Outreach events and/or education seminars on aviation weather presented to customers, partners, and general public.
- c. New or improved uses of technology (i.e. computer programs or web based efforts).
- d. Development and/or implementation of aviation training initiatives (i.e. in-house seminars, COMET modules completed).

## **NOMINATION PERIOD:**

There will be 4 nomination periods. They are:

- a. January through March.
- b. April through June.
- c. July through September.
- d. October through December.

## **NOMINATION PROCEDURES:**

The Meteorologist-In-Charge or designee will submit the award documentation. Nominations should be submitted to the Regional Aviation Meteorologist (RAM) by via electronic mail or fax. The nomination should not exceed one page, with one-inch margins. Use bullet statements. Describe the superior performance that occurred during the award period\*, including results.

\* The superior performance can be an action that:

- a. occurred solely within the award period.
- b. a culmination of work that ended within the award period.
- c. continues through the award period.

Nominations deadlines are: January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

The RAM will serve as the selection chair of up to a 4 person panel. When available, the Regional Operations Center Duty Officer, other RAT members, or SRH personnel will serve on the selection panel. The selection will be made by the end of the month that nominations closed (e.g. January 31<sup>st</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and October 31<sup>st</sup>).