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MMS Official Receives Prestigious Presidential Award

WASHINGTON, DC -- Robert E. Brown, Associate Director of Administration and Budget for the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, recently received the 2005 Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett presented the award today at the Department of the Interior. Brown was among four individuals to receive the 2005 Presidential Rank Award. He was joined by 15 others who received the Secretary's 2005 Executive Leadership Awards.

"Your leadership at the Department of the Interior and throughout your public service has helped all of us to accomplish so much more on behalf of the American public than had we not been blessed by your service," said Secretary Scarlett.

Brown's federal career includes a number of human resource and administrative positions in the Minerals Management Service and the U.S. Navy. He has received both Meritorious and Distinguished service awards from Interior, and has twice been awarded the rank of Meritorious Executive.

Presidential rank awards recognize Senior Executives who have demonstrated exceptional performance over an extended period of time. The *Meritorious Executive* rank award recognizes "sustained accomplishment" of no more than 5 percent of career SES government-wide.

Within the Department, the Secretary's Executive Leadership Awards were created to recognize extraordinary performance and excellence in leadership. The criteria include extraordinary accomplishment of the performance elements in the SES member's annual performance agreement and demonstration of excellence in the five Executive Core Qualifications.

Brown is a native of New Jersey and graduated from Seton Hall University in 1972 with a B.A. degree. He also did postgraduate study as a History Fellow at Georgetown University.

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