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External Awards

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1. The National Weather Service (NWS) acknowledges the contributions of non-NWS individuals and/or organizations through the use of External Awards. External Awards recognize the contributions of outside individuals and/or organizations who support the NWS mission through their demonstration of superior weather-oriented activities. The contributions must have a relationship to weather or be weather-oriented, for example:

- a. Unusual act of courage or competence.
- b. Actions which result in saving of life or property.
- c. Outstanding efforts in promoting community preparedness planning.
- d. Any other service of equivalent significance.

2. This policy establishes the following authorities and responsibilities:

2.1 Implementation of external awards policies and procedures is delegated to the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer (CFO/CAO). The CFO/CAO will:

2.1.1 Act as the liaison between the Department/NOAA and NWS in communicating NWS external awards policies and procedures.

2.1.2 Review proposals for new external awards programs in conjunction with the Workforce Human Capital Committee to ensure adequate coverage of the policy and the occurrence of subsequent reviews.

2.2 As a general practice, NWS Headquarters, regional headquarters, national centers, and

field offices are delegated authority to develop new external awards programs within their jurisdiction.

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3. Delegation levels are assigned under each program procedure.

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