

For: FFAS Employees

6th Annual Service to America Medals (Sammies)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Overview

A Background

Sammies recognize outstanding Federal employees who have made significant contributions to our country. Sammies are presented annually by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service. Since creating the Sammies program in 2002, the Partnership has publicly recognized nearly 150 Federal employees from more than 35 different agencies. Articles about the medal recipients and finalists have been published in *Government Executive*, *National Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, the *Detroit News*, the *Denver Post*, and other regional and local newspapers across the country.

B Purpose

This notice informs Federal employees of the award announcement and requests award nominations. The nomination **deadline is March 1, 2007**.

C Labor-Management Obligations

Where exclusive representation exists, bargaining may be requested to the extent allowed by applicable statutes. Where contract language already addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2007	All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 Eligibility and Procedures

A Eligibility

The nominee **must** be a civilian career employee of the Executive Branch. Full eligibility requirements may be found on the Sammies web site located at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/program/eligibilityrequirements.shtml>. All medal categories are open to both individual and team nominations. Team nominations **must** be identified as the team leader. Team members may be listed within the essay portion of the nomination.

The Sammies honorees not only receive long overdue praise, they are also eligible for cash prizes from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

B Medal Category

Sammies are awarded in the following 9 categories:

- Federal Employee of the Year
- Call to Service
- Career Achievement
- Citizen Services
- Homeland Security
- International Affairs
- Justice and Law Enforcement
- National Security
- Science and Environment.

C Nominating Process

Any person familiar with the nominee may make a nomination. Self-nominations will **not** be accepted. Nominations **must** be submitted:

- online at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/nominations/form.php>
- no later than **March 1, 2007**.

Note: E-mail an informational copy to Audrey Armstrong, HRD at audrey.armstrong@wdc.usda.gov.

D Contacts for Additional Information

If questions or additional information is needed, then contact either of the following:

- Partnership for Public Service by e-mail at awards@ourpublicservice.org
- Jim Seymour by telephone at 202-775-9111.