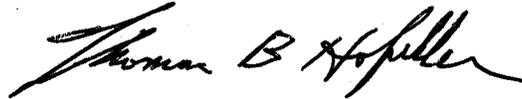


For: All FFAS Employees

7th Annual Service to America Medals (Sammies)

Approved by: Associate Administrator for Operations and 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 presented these awards to more than 50 remarkable individuals and teams from 30 different agencies. Profiles of their work and accomplishments have been published in leading national newspapers and magazines including *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Tampa Tribune*, *Denver Post* and *San Jose Mercury News*, among others. In addition, the honorees have been covered by CNN, CNBC, NPR, and various local TV affiliates of ABC, CBS, and NBC, along with good government trade outlets.

B Purpose

This notice informs Federal employees of the award announcement and requests award nominations. The nomination **deadline is March 3, 2008**.

2 Nomination Process

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 submitted under 1 person 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.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2008	All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 Nomination Process (Continued)

B Medal Categories

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 Nomination 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 3, 2008**.

Note: E-mail an informational copy to Stephanie S. Brown, HRD at Stephaniesybil.brown@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
- Kristin Esham by telephone at 202-775-9111.