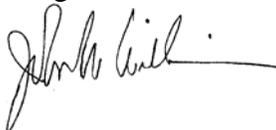


For: FFAS Employees, except County Offices

57th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Overview

A Background

The George Washington University and the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission are requesting USDA's participation in the 57th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program. The 57th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program honors exemplary Federal employees who have performed outstanding and meritorious work for the Federal Government.

B Purpose

This notice requests nominations for the 57th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program.

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.

2 Eligibility and Procedures

A Eligibility

Nominees must be a Federal career employee of the Executive Branch, U.S. Government, or member of the uniformed services who has at least 3 but not more than 15 years of service as of December 31, 2005, are eligible for nomination in the 57th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program.

Nominees may be officers or employees in the department headquarters or field service throughout the world.

Awards will be made to employees who have made outstanding contributions to public service on either a sustained basis or an exceptional accomplishment during calendar year 2005. Individuals previously nominated but not selected for an Arthur S. Flemming Award may be renominated, subject to above eligibility criteria.

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October 1, 2006	All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees, except County Offices

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2 Eligibility and Procedures (Continued)

B Categories

Twelve awards will be made. Four awards to individuals in each of the following fields.

- scientific or technical, “Scientific”
- administrative or executive, “Administrative”
- information and technology, “Applied Science”.

A nomination must be submitted in only 1 of these categories although duties may overlap 2 or more areas.

C Nominating and Criteria

The awards selection criteria and nomination form can be downloaded from the internet at <http://www.gwu.edu/~flemming>.

Agencies shall submit their nomination(s) to the following no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2006**.

FSA, HRD, PMBAB
Attn: A. Armstrong
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Mail Stop 0595
Washington, DC 20250-0595

D Contacts for Additional Information

If there are questions, then contact the appropriate office according to the following.

Location	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FSA National Office• FAS• RMA Offices (except Kansas City)	HRD, PMBAB at either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 202-418-8973• TTY 202-418-9116.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FSA Kansas City/St Louis• FSA APFO• FSA State Offices• RMA Kansas City	KCHRO, Employee and Labor Relations Section at either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 816-926-6643• TTY 816-926-3063.