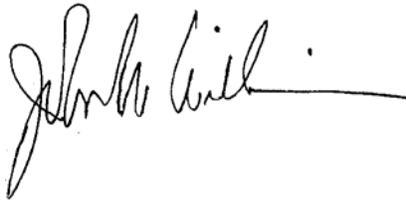


**For:** FSA Employees

**2006 Service to America Medals (Sammies)**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Management



**1 Sammies Nomination Process**

**A Background**

FSA has been invited by the Partnership for Public Service to submit nominations for the 2006 Sammies.

Sammies are presented annually by the nonprofit, nonpartisan, Partnership for Public Service and Atlantic Media Company. Employees who receive Sammies are outstanding Federal employees who have made significant contributions to the country. The award puts a compelling human face on government service and sends a powerful message about the impact Federal government has on the lives of the American people.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- announces the nomination process for Sammmies
- announces award categories as follows:
  - Federal Employee of the Year
  - Career Achievement
  - Call to Service
  - Homeland Security
  - International Affairs
  - Justice & Law Enforcement
  - National Security
  - Science & Environment
  - Citizen Service
- refers employees to the Sammies web site at [www.servicetoamericamedals.org](http://www.servicetoamericamedals.org) for full details including information on submitting nominations.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
April 1, 2006	All FSA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Sammies Nomination Process (Continued)

#### C Nominations

Nominations for Sammies must be submitted:

- online by **March 1, 2006**
- to the Sammies website at **[www2.govexec.com/SAM/](http://www2.govexec.com/SAM/)**.

**Note:** E-mail an informational copy to Audrey Armstrong, HRD at **[audrey.armstrong@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:audrey.armstrong@wdc.usda.gov)**. Any person familiar with the nominee may make a nomination. Self nominations will **not** be accepted.

#### D Labor-Management Obligations

Where exclusive representation exists, this notice does not apply until bargaining takes place. Where contract language addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

#### E Contact for Additional Information

If questions or additional information is needed, then e-mail the Partnership for Public Service and Atlantic Media Company at **[awards@ourpublicservice.org](mailto:awards@ourpublicservice.org)**.