

For: FFAS Employees

2009 Service to America Medals (Sammies)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Overview

A Background

The Partnership for Public Service has invited FFAS to submit nominations for the 2009 Sammies.

The Sammies Program honors Federal employees who have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service within their government field through accomplishments that are innovative, of significant impact, and/or meet a critical need for our nation.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs employees of the award announcement
- requests award nominations.

Note: The nomination **deadline is March 6, 2009.**

2 Nomination Process

A Eligibility

Nominees **must** be a career civilian employee of the Executive Branch. Full eligibility requirements may be found on the Sammies web site at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/program/eligibilityrequirements.shtml>.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2009	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 8 categories:

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

Full details on these categories may be found on the Sammies web site at <http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/program/medalcategories.shtml>.

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 6, 2009**.

Note: E-mail an informational copy to Stephen Crisp, HRD at stephen.crisp@wdc.usda.gov.

D Recognition

The awardees of the 2009 Sammies will be honored at a gala awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Awardees will also:

- receive a monetary award from \$3,000 to \$10,000
- be profiled in leading national newspapers and magazines including *The Washington Post*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Tampa Tribune*, *The Denver Post*, and *San Jose Mercury News*, among others.

E Contacts for Additional Information

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

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