

# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

## **Public Servants and Public Organizations of the Year Award**

### **Background**

Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as federal, state, local government or nonprofit employees. The event is hosted by the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at UNCW, the Southeastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, and Quality Enhancement for Nonprofit Organizations (QENO).

We are pleased to be again sponsoring a Public Service Recognition Reception on **Friday, June 12, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at the UNCW Burney Center. To reinforce the importance of public service, we issue two sets of awards for the Public Servant and Public Organization of the Year in the Cape Fear Region: one set for the government sector, and another set for the nonprofit sector. We welcome nominations for each of the awards, and will have the MPA Community Advisory Board, ASPA Chapter officers, and the QENO advisory committee serve as the selection panel.

### **Eligibility**

- The Public Servant of the Year Award winner may be from any level of public service – local, state, and federal government or nonprofit organization. The individual should work or have a demonstrated strong connection with southeastern North Carolina.
- The Public Organization of the Year Award winner has the same eligibility criteria, but must be designated as an identifiable group or team of public servants.
- Awards may be for exemplary service over the past year or for sustained excellence over a longer period of time.

### **Selection Criteria**

Consistent with the National Public Service Awards guidelines, winners will be those who have, on a sustained basis, done some or all of the following:

- Made a profound difference in improving service to the public.
- Been willing to take risks to achieve change.
- Fostered a more democratic society.
- Served as a champion of social equity.
- Changed the way a governmental or nonprofit organization operates so that it better achieves its goals.
- Achieved substantial savings in agency operations.

### **Submission Instructions**

All nominations must use the format outlined here:

- A cover letter from the nominator must accompany the nomination, with all appropriate contact information of the nominee.
- The nomination itself may be no more than one page and *may* be supplemented by up to three letters of endorsement (letters of endorsement may be signed by more than one individual).
- The text of the nomination should begin with a summary of the accomplishments that the nominator believes makes the nominee worthy of the award, followed by more detailed information on specific accomplishments. This could include discussions of creative and innovative programs to which the nominee has made a major contribution. What are the major impacts of the nominee's work as a public manager or program leader? In essence, state how he/she or the organization "makes a difference."

**The nominations deadline April 17, 2009. Please send the nomination forms to:**

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