Recognition and praise for exceptional and dedicated work is one of the key factors in job satisfaction and helps to build a strong and productive workplace. Nomination for the PHS EOY and Agency EOY is an excellent way to recognize the exemplary work of engineers throughout the US Public Health Service.

PURPOSE: To recognize overall outstanding engineering achievement of one USPHS Engineer and to recognize outstanding achievement of one USPHS Engineer from each agency.

ELIGIBILITY: All engineers working within a PHS Operating Division (OPDIV) and USPHS Commissioned Corps Engineer Officers assigned to agencies or departments outside of PHS are eligible for the USPHS EOY.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Each agency will nominate one engineer for the PHS EOY. The agency nominee will be considered the Agency Engineer of the Year and receive a plaque for this achievement. The Agency Engineer of the Year winners will be considered for the PHS EOY.

The PHS Engineer of the Year Award uses the same nomination package as the National Society of Professional Engineers Federal Engineer of the Year Award (NSPE FEYA). The NSPE award nomination form must be filled out, including the 300-word (maximum) narrative detailing the nominee’s achievements in engineering design, research, development, or management over the past three years. The nomination brochure is available on NSPE’s website at: http://www.nspe.org.

Individuals nominated for the USPHS EOY should also be considered for the NSPE FEYA. To ensure consideration for both awards, the nominator must submit the nomination package to both the USPHS EPAC Awards Subcommittee AND the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Additional agency-specific nomination requirements exist and must be followed. Contact your agency awards coordinator for the most current information regarding agency deadlines and procedures.

DHHS Agency Procedures: Nominations from DHHS agencies are processed through the respective Agency Awards Coordinators, who forward the Agency Engineer of the Year selections to the DHHS Awards Coordinator. Each DHHS agency has the option of nominating one civil service and one commissioned officer. All nominations submitted by the Agency Awards Coordinators to the DHHS Awards Coordinator should also be copied to the EPAC Awards Subcommittee to ensure consideration in the PHS EOY selection process. Please contact your Agency Awards Coordinator for more information on your agency’s internal procedures and deadlines. The Agency Awards Coordinators and relevant contacts are listed on the following page.

Agency Procedures for non-DHHS Agencies: Nominations from non-DHHS agencies are processed through the respective agency representatives. Each non-DHHS agency may nominate one USPHS Commissioned Corps Engineer Officer. Please contact your agency representative for more information on your agency’s internal procedures and deadlines.

Nominations for the USPHS EOY are to be submitted in electronic format to the Chair, EPAC Awards Subcommittee.

FORM OF AWARD: The PHS EOY will be recognized at the USPHS Engineer Luncheon, commonly held during Engineer’s Week in the Washington DC area.
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