



United States Department of Energy Secretarial Honor Awards

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

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Greetings,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 1st Annual Secretarial Honor Awards ceremony.

The President and the American people have charged the Department of Energy with very important responsibilities: to promote America's energy security and to strengthen U.S. competitiveness by leading in innovation and scientific discovery.

These are no small feats and there is no doubt that we face formidable challenges. Our program offices, field sites and laboratories are filled with some of the best and brightest minds in the federal government. Because of the outstanding effort that the Department's employees and contractors deliver each and every day, together we are confronting these challenges head on. I am so proud to lead such an impressive group of professionals.

Our people are by far the most valuable resource at the Department. As Energy Secretary, I have made it a high priority to ensure that we continue to attract, motivate and retain the most highly skilled and diverse workforce possible. I believe this is a critical investment.

The Department of Energy's employees and contractors have a long history of excellence, but these achievements have not been appropriately recognized in the past. This year, we begin a tradition of formally honoring these people and their accomplishments. Tonight, we are honoring a few special individuals, and teams of individuals, who have surpassed even the highest standards of excellence, demonstrating not only great technical knowledge and ability, but also an unwavering commitment to serving the American people.

I hope that the contributions that are recognized here tonight serve to inspire and encourage the entire complex, as they have done for me. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals for their accomplishments and for their service to this great nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel W. Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

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Honors Awards Program

Today, the Department of Energy stands at the forefront of helping the Nation enhance our national security by meeting our energy, scientific, environmental, and nuclear security goals. Each one of us supports this vital mission. Many from our proud ranks have taken this charge one step further to protect our national security on the front lines. DOE federal employees and contractors have served and are serving on active duty in support of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many others have performed a variety of civilian functions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. All of these individuals play a critical and very direct role in protecting our Nation.

Tonight, we recognize the enormous sacrifices made by these men, women, and their families to ensure a safer, more secure world. The Department is honored to have such committed individuals as part of its family and we are pleased to honor their service to the Nation by awarding each with a special Department of Energy pin to commemorate their exemplary service. Please recognize your colleagues for their past and continued extraordinary contributions abroad.



Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Jeff T. H. Pon
Chief Human Capital Officer

Presentation of Colors

Joint Armed Forces Color Guard

National Anthem

NU1 Shana Sullivan
United States Navy

Invocation

Reverend Willie E. Bruce, Jr.
Office of Management

Keynote Remarks

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy

Special Recognition of DOE Personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan

The Honorable Jeffrey F. Kupfer
Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy
Mrs. M. Diane Bodman

Presentation of Awards

• Achievement Awards

The Honorable Thomas P. D'Agostino
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security & Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration

• Excellence Awards

The Honorable C.H. "Bud" Albright
Under Secretary of Energy

• James R. Schlesinger Award

The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Former Secretary of Energy

Remarks

Dr. Gilbert G. Weigand
James R. Schlesinger Award Recipient

Closing

Dr. Jeff T. H. Pon
Chief Human Capital Officer

The Secretary's Achievement Award

This award is bestowed upon a group or team of DOE employees or contractors who together accomplished significant achievements on behalf of the Department. These groups should demonstrate cooperation and teamwork in attaining their goals.

Headquarters Visitor's Center Team

The Headquarters Visitor's Center Team, whose members are from the Office of Management, the Office of Public Affairs, and the Office of the Secretary, is recognized for their unprecedented dedication, commitment and leadership over the past two years which resulted in the creation of the Department of Energy Visitor's Center. This museum highlights the accomplishments of the Department and celebrates how those accomplishments have changed the course of history. The team remained committed to a project fraught with logistical challenges and other obstacles to ensure a quality final product that can make the entire Department proud. In addition to sharing the Department's history and current efforts to enhance energy and national security, the team demonstrated tremendous ingenuity in transforming a previously non-descript building lobby into an open, welcoming, and energy-efficient public space.

- *Ms. Mary R. Anderson*
- *Mr. Brian D. Costlow*
- *Mr. Terrence R. Fehner*
- *Mr. F.G. "Skip" Gosling*
- *Mr. Adam B. Ingols*
- *Ms. Laurie S. Morman*
- *Ms. Kristen R. Smith*



National Nuclear Security Administration “Getting the Job Done”

The National Nuclear Security Administration’s Office of Defense Programs has demonstrated superior performance in support of national security by successfully completing a number of significant activities that support the nuclear weapons stockpile. Their slogan, “Getting the Job Done,” has been used to emphasize the importance of following through on commitments vital to national security, while integrating safety and security into all activities. Highlights of their efforts include an increase of 146 percent over fiscal year 2006 in the dismantlement of retired weapons, rebuilding a W88 warhead with a new gas transfer system and the first new pit manufactured in over 18 years, the first domestic tritium produced in over 15 years, a 99.99 percent on-time delivery rate from the Kansas City Plant and consistently high quality from the entire complex, and considerable progress in Complex Transformation and a wide variety of other critical Stockpile Stewardship activities.

- *Mr. George C. Allen*
- *Mr. Richard Arkin*
- *Ms. Wendy Baca*
- *Mr. David C. Crandall*
- *Mr. Jay R. Edgeworth*
- *Ms. Nanette D. Founds*
- *Mr. Daniel E. Glenn*
- *Mr. W. Steven Goodrum*
- *Mr. Robert S. King*
- *Mr. Glenn Mara*
- *Ms. Jeanette Norte*
- *Mr. Daniel Rose*
- *Mr. Martin J. Schoenbauer*
- *Ms. Aramintia R. Semper*
- *Mr. Dan J. Swaim*
- *Mr. Vince Trim*
- *Mr. Craig A. Tucker*
- *Ms. Joan Woodard*



Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence

The Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence team is recognized for exceptional support to the nonproliferation goals of the Department. Their superior performance in support of national security exemplifies the highest standards of dedication to public service. Their ability to coordinate within the United States Government and with international partners helped ensure the continued security of this Nation and the world. Their ongoing commitment to mitigate the risk of nuclear proliferation and international terrorism is unparalleled.

- *Mr. Jeffrey Bedell*
- *Mr. Dave Felde*
- *Mr. Jon A. Kreykes*
- *Mr. Michael S. McKeown*
- *Dr. Ronald Miskell*
- *Mr. Alan Parker, J.D.*
- *Dr. Duane Starr*
- *Mr. James Sumner*



Solar Decathlon Team

The Solar Decathlon Team, from the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, is recognized for their vital role in promoting scientific and technological innovation that advances the national, economic, and energy security of the United States. The Solar Decathlon raises public awareness about renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies that have the potential to change the way American consumes energy, it encourages young people to pursue careers in science and engineering, and it increases the demand and interest in solar energy and energy efficient technologies across the globe. The 2007 Solar Decathlon was a great demonstration of the ways in which technology, science and design can be blended in the production of net Zero Energy homes and was marked by extensive positive coverage in the media and broad enthusiasm that built upon the successes of the two previous events.

- *Mr. Kevin J. Brosnahan*
- *Ms. Wendy Butler Burt*
- *Ms. Lauria J. Hal*
- *Mr. Richard J. King*
- *Mr. Lew W. Pratsch*
- *Mr. James E. Rannels*
- *Ms. Agnes L. Savoy*
- *Mr. Glenn I. Strahs*

The Secretary's Excellence Award

This award is designated for individuals who have a singular accomplishment that demonstrates a high level of performance and outstanding leadership in public service. The individual's overall achievements must be substantial (outside the normal course of duty) and must significantly benefit the Department's mission and the Nation.

Mr. James T. Campbell

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Campbell is recognized for providing sustained outstanding leadership in financial management at the Department of Energy. A recipient of a Distinguished and a Meritorious Rank Award as well as the Secretary's Gold Award, he has brought honor to the Department and to the career service of the Federal government over the past three decades. Mr. Campbell adeptly oversaw, in partnership with the Office of the General Counsel, the implementation of the Loan Guarantee Program authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In addition, he skillfully led the Department's successful efforts to regain a clean audit opinion on the Fiscal Year 2007 financial statements - the first time in three years that this had been accomplished. The clean audit opinion was especially noteworthy in that it followed major organizational, systems, and accounting challenges imposed on the financial management community during Fiscal Year 2005.



Ms. Carla J. Clemons

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Ms. Clemons is recognized for her extraordinary service to the Department and the Nation during a 39-month detail from the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to the Department of State Iraq Reconstruction Management Office. Ms. Clemons' personal sacrifice, dedication and sustained commitment are virtually unparalleled in civilian service. She provided leadership, critical continuity, institutional knowledge and expertise in an environment of uncertainty and high personnel turnover. She often traveled outside of the "Green Zone" to Iraqi Ministries, power plants, oil refineries, and other sites around Baghdad and throughout Iraq and regularly briefed and advised top U.S. and Iraqi officials. Ms. Clemons demonstrated the highest level of performance and outstanding leadership which significantly benefited the Nation.

Mr. William A. Eckroade

Office of Health, Safety and Security

Mr. Eckroade is recognized for his leadership in the highly successful independent cyber security oversight program at the Department of Energy. His complex-wide efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of classified and unclassified cyber security programs and maintain a robust performance testing capability have been exemplary. Mr. Eckroade's sound judgment and understanding of national security vulnerabilities have brought about major improvements in line management and performance concerning cyber security. He has invigorated corrective actions for longstanding cyber security weaknesses at the Department, including the revitalization of the Cyber Security Red Team Program – an aggressive, unannounced inspection program. Mr. Eckroade achieved an unprecedented level of success in completing high value cyber security inspections resulting in the enhanced security of the nation's critical energy infrastructure and protection of national security systems.



Mr. Edward G. McGinnis

Office of Nuclear Energy

Mr. McGinnis is recognized for his outstanding leadership for the Department of Energy's international activities in support of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) – a voluntary partnership created by President Bush that aims to safely and securely expand nuclear power worldwide while responsibly managing nuclear waste and reducing proliferation risks. He played a pivotal role in securing agreement to the GNEP Statement of Principles by over twenty nations and in arranging the two successful GNEP ministerial meetings in 2007. These efforts have helped to reestablish the United States as a leader in the global application of nuclear energy technologies.

Ms. Aundra M. Richards

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Ms. Richards is recognized for her extraordinary dedication, commitment and leadership in her role as the Berkeley Site Office Manager and her willingness to take on a dual role as the Stanford Site Office Manager for virtually all of Fiscal Year 2007. Ms. Richards' commitment to excellence drove contractor performance improvement and improved safety performance at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. She developed an exceptional Technical Qualifications Program tailored to non-nuclear sites that is now being considered for adoption across all of the Office of Science Laboratory site offices. Ms. Richards' engagement in complex and difficult negotiations has brought third-party investment to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and a two-year extension of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center contract. Ms. Richards' direction and commitment effected exceptional changes in Laboratory leadership and improvement in safety and infrastructure.



Mr. Brian D. Waud

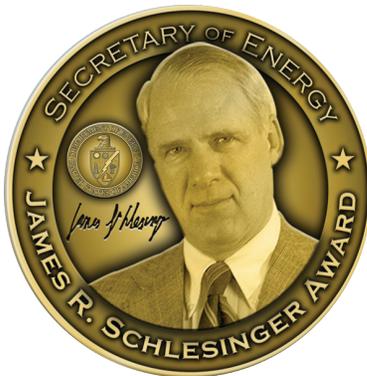
National Nuclear Security Administration

Mr. Waud has distinguished himself through an extraordinary commitment to protecting the security of this nation. His outstanding work and dedication in the recovery and removal of Radioisotopic Thermoelectric Generators from the Russian coastline and his ongoing efforts to secure radiological and nuclear material in Eastern Europe has been pivotal to the prevention of nuclear terrorism. His focused efforts have resulted in permanent threat reduction by removing vulnerable and high-risk nuclear and radiological material so it cannot be used by terrorists. In addition to his efforts to secure these generators, his portfolio includes the identification and recovery of high-activity, orphan radiological sources. Mr. Waud has successfully led efforts to secure enough radiological material to make over 2,300 devastating Radiological Dispersal Devices, or "dirty bombs," since 2003.

James R. Schlesinger Award

This award represents the highest non-monetary level of recognition an employee or contractor can receive in the Department. It is named in honor of the first Secretary of Energy and is bestowed upon one individual each year whose outstanding performance is responsible for contributions of national importance or for affecting significant improvement to the successful implementation of the Department's mission.

The award recipient, in the tradition of Dr. Schlesinger, should have a record of consistently demonstrating outstanding leadership in public service and should exhibit the highest levels of integrity, professionalism, and dedication throughout their service to DOE. All DOE employees and contractors who meet the criteria are eligible to receive this award.



Dr. Gilbert G. Weigand

National Nuclear Security Administration

Dr. Weigand has distinguished himself with his passion for excellence along with his ability to foster and implement the practices and values that are necessary for the protection of our nation. It is because of his vision and determination that the United States is the world leader in high performance computing, that the Department of Energy leads the country with the best scientific and computing tools and scientists, and that we are able today to certify our nuclear weapons stockpile without underground nuclear testing.

Throughout his tenure at the Department of Energy, he has led the development and use of next-generation scientific and technical tools that provide the foundation of today's Stockpile Stewardship program. From this leadership position, he conceived and implemented the Department's most successful technical program to date, the Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative (ASCI). Dr. Weigand successfully united the needs of the government programs and national laboratories with the knowledge of the U.S. computing industry, and the support of the U.S. Congress, to put together a ten year plan to build the world's best high performance supercomputers. His vision and ability to engage and organize the technical community were the driving forces behind the successes of ASCI and his implementation strategy assured rapid development and effective alignment in computer industry long-term goals and computing investments. More importantly, Dr. Weigand's contributions have impacted more than stockpile stewardship. High-performance computing and simulation, at the ASCI level, pervade all areas of science and engineering. In addition to the scientific accomplishments of the ASCI program, Dr. Weigand's efforts have provided reassurance in the safety and security of the weapons stockpile and protection of this Nation.

For his intellectual aptitude, drive, determination and unwavering commitment to supercomputing benefitting both the Department of Energy and the Nation, Dr. Weigand is presented the James R. Schlesinger Award.



The Secretary's Departure Awards

The Secretary's Departure Awards are honorary awards reserved for recognition of an individual's achievements upon their departure from the Department of Energy. Below are awards that have been presented through February 2008.



The Secretary's Exceptional Service Award

The Secretary's Exceptional Service Award is given in recognition of outstanding and unique accomplishment and leadership that exemplifies the highest standards of and dedication to public service and significantly benefits the Department and the Nation.

- *Charles E. Anderson, Office of Environmental Management*
- *James T. Campbell, Office of the Chief Financial Officer*
- *Claudia Cross, Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Michael Deihl, Southwestern Power Administration*
- *Larry Gresham, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*
(Posthumous Award)
- *Karen Alderman Harbert, Office of Policy and International Affairs*
- *Anne Womack Kolton, Office of Public Affairs*
- *Charles S. (Tyler) Przybylek, National Nuclear Security Administration*
- *Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary*
- *Kenneth Vagts, Energy Information Administration*

The Secretary's Distinguished Service Award

The Secretary's Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of continuous and distinctive achievements, within or beyond an individual's area of responsibility, which are of substantial value to the Department.

- *Anna Bell, Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Frank Beserra, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity*
- *Eli Bronstein, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer*
- *Joe Ann Brooks, Office of Environmental Management*
- *Girtha Burks, Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Kevin Clarke, Richland Operations Office*
- *Dollie Clayton, Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Lynette Downing, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*
- *Sue Flores, National Nuclear Security Administration*
- *Renee Jackson, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management*
- *Nancy Kirkendall, Energy Information Administration*
- *Lynette Le Mat, Office of Fossil Energy*
- *Abel Lopez, Office of Management*
- *A. Elaine Mount, Oak Ridge National Laboratory*
- *Claudia Newbury, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management*
- *Dean Olsen, Office of the Chief Financial Officer*
- *Jeffrey Rubenstein, Office of Management*
- *John Shages, Office of Fossil Energy*
- *Theresa Summers, Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Robert Walsh, Office of the Under Secretary of Energy*



The Secretary's Meritorious Service Award

The Secretary's Meritorious Service Award is given in recognition of superior achievements which are within or beyond an individual's area of responsibility, and have significantly advanced the Department's mission.

- *Alex de Alvarez, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability*
 - *Wade Gaines, Southeastern Power Administration*
 - *Thomas Shope, Office of Fossil Energy*
 - *Jaclyn Leigh West, Office of the Deputy Secretary*
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The Secretary's Appreciation Award

The Secretary's Appreciation Award is given to a federal or contractor employee for making a noteworthy contribution to the Department beyond the scope of his or her normal work responsibilities.

- *Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) Ministerial Team, Office of Nuclear Energy*
- *James Solit, Office of Management*
- *Eric Nicoll, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*
- *William Ostendorff, National Nuclear Security Administration*
- *Dennis Spurgeon, Office of Nuclear Energy*
- *Matthew Urie, Office of General Counsel*
- *Nina Cois, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*
- *Tina Tafoya, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*
- *Adrienne Cisneros, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity*
- *Field Chief Financial Officers*
- *Wayne Morris, Nevada Site Office*
- *Darlene Smith, Nevada Site Office*
- *Deborah Chalko, Nevada Site Office*
- *John Lepperti, Nevada Site Office*
- *Joseph Ginanni, Nevada Site Office*
- *Kurt Haase, Nevada Site Office*
- *Patricia Bodin, Nevada Site Office*
- *Richard Shook, Nevada Site Office*
- *Stephen M. Scott, Nevada Site Office*



Closing Notes

Thank you to the following organizations for their significant contributions to the development of the awards program, the review and preparation of nominations and planning and production for the awards event.

- *Office of Human Capital Management*
- *Office of Management*
- *National Nuclear Security Administration*
- *Office of Health, Safety and Security*

