

The SECoPA Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award 2015

This Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award recognizes sustained, outstanding achievement in, and contributions to, public administration and public service through applied practice in the field. The recipient of this award must be, or have been, a practitioner with a significant and established record in public service. Service may be tied to any public service environment (local, state, federal, international, government or nonprofit). Recipients must also have made the considered contributions while providing their public service within the SECoPA region.

Eligibility Criteria:

The recipient of this award:

- (1) Must have a minimum of five years of service as a public service practitioner.
- (2) May have served in any type of public service environment — local, state, federal, or international, in either government or nonprofit environments;
- (3) Must have made the considered contributions while providing his/her public service within the SECoPA region.

Current elected officials are not eligible unless the career achievements for which they are nominated occurred during careers in non-elected public service.

Award Criteria:

Candidates will be assessed on the extent to which they have made a sustained contribution to innovative, effective, and/or inspirational practice. Candidates must have consistently demonstrated ethical behavior in public service. Specific standards should include one or more of the following:

- (1) **Innovation/creativity** – The development and implementation of innovative programs or processes that positively impacted an organization.
- (2) **Leadership** – Ability to inspire, problem-solve, and move an organization forward while working productively with colleagues; a personal commitment to and demonstration of standards of excellence including the highest ethical standards.
- (3) **Impact** – Demonstrated accomplishments that have positively impacted their organization and or community
- (4) **Operational excellence** – The implementation of significant changes or processes that enhanced work productivity, efficiency, effectiveness, and quality

Procedures & Documentation:

To be considered for this award, a candidate must be nominated by a current member of SECoPA. The nominating individual must provide:

(1) A nominating letter that includes: the nominee's name, position, current employer, and a comprehensive summary of the nominee's contributions to public service that warrant receiving the award, including specific examples of outstanding accomplishments within the areas listed in Section II Award Criteria.

(2) A resume for the nominee that includes the nominee's position, current employer, current contact address, phone number and email address, employment history, educational attainment, and civic and professional activity and service.

Nominations will be assessed on the extent to which the justification provides specific information and examples related to the criteria listed above.

Submission Requirements

(1) The nominating letter and nominee's resume may be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word attachment or in hard copy. Electronic submission of the packet is strongly preferred and recommended.

(2) An address for submission of materials is provided below, and all materials not submitted electronically should be submitted to this address.

(3) The deadline for receipt of all materials will be set in advance of each conference. Only nomination packets received by this date will be considered.

The Award

The committee will receive and assess nominations, and will present the award at a scheduled luncheon or banquet event as part of the general SECoPA Conference. The award may be deferred if the committee determines that none of the submitted nominations meet the criteria or merit presentation of the award.

Submit nominations no later than June 30, 2015 to:

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