

**57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS CEREMONY**

**2014**



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**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHICAGO DISTRICT**



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*Tuesday, May 6  
2 - 4 p.m.  
Harris Theater  
Chicago*

# Program

Narrator	Mike Stanton
Emcee	Dawn Hasbrouck
Federal Employees in Action Video	
Welcome and Introductions "I Will Wait for You"	Peter Swenson Trio
Presentation of Colors <i>"The National Anthem"</i>	Chicago Police Dept. Honor Guard
<i>"America the Beautiful"</i>	Navy Band - Great Lakes
Presentation of Awards, Categories 1 - 3 <i>"Don't Quit"</i>	Julie Gustis
Presentation of Awards, Categories 4 - 6 <i>"You'll Never Find"</i>	Tamika Hinton
Presentation of Federal Green Challenge Awards <i>"Perfect Body"</i>	Michael Jones
Presentation of Awards, Categories 7 - 9 <i>"Glory"</i>	Aryk Crowder
Presentation of Awards, Categories 10 - 12 <i>"Amie"</i>	Jess Godwin
Presentation of the Agency of the Year Award <i>"Blue Jean Blues"</i>	Aeverling
Closing "On Green Dolphin Street"	Next Chapter
	Peter Swenson Trio

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**T**he Federal Employee of the Year Awards Program has achieved a great deal of stature. The Federal Executive Board believes this program is an effective means of rewarding and publicizing the high caliber of devoted, dedicated civilian and military employees within the Federal family. Awards are presented in recognition of outstanding job performance and special contributions to the government, the public, or to the community within the past year.

The Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony Planning Committee asks agencies to submit nominations for their “best and brightest” from the previous year. A diverse screening panel of representatives from participating agencies independently evaluates nominations outside of their own agencies. This screening panel, through averaged results, narrows the competition to three finalists in each category. A panel composed of distinguished citizens from the private sector (industry, media, education, the arts, etc.) make the final award selections.

The ceremony’s planning committee with the support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the host agency, put in many long hours planning this event. The Chicago Federal Executive Board gratefully acknowledges everyone involved in making the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony a success - to honor all of the dedicated Federal employees present here today.

# Chicago Federal Executive Board

*FEB Mission: To increase the effectiveness of Federal government by strengthening coordination of government activities.*

*FEBs were created in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy to improve Federal intergovernmental management activities in the field. Policy guidance is provided by OPM. FEBs are located in cities of major Federal activity, and the boards are composed of the highest-level official of each Federal agency in the metropolitan area.*

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*Jean Brown*

## List of Acronyms

Administration for Children and Families	ACF
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	CMS
Corporation for National and Community Service	CNCS
Economic Development Administration	EDA
Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital	Hines VA
Federal Aviation Administration	FAA
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	SAMHSA
U.S. Army North Defense Coordinating Element	ARNORTH DCE
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	USACE
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	DHHS (HHS)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	DHS
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	HUD
U.S. Department of Justice	DOJ
U.S. Department of Labor	DOL
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command	USMEPCOM
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	NRC
U.S. Office of Personnel Management	OPM
U.S. Postal Service	USPS
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board	RRB
U.S. Social Security Administration	SSA

# *Awards Categories*

## **Category 1, Outstanding Law Enforcement Team**

Honoring a team engaged in the enforcement of civil or criminal laws, or protection of life and property.

## **Category 2, Outstanding Public Service Team**

Honoring a team contributing to a special project; accomplishing the agency's mission; achieving a significant cost reduction; or providing products and services to customers.

## **Category 3, Outstanding Safety Team**

Honoring a team that improves safety awareness through recognition and promotion of individual and organizational accident prevention measures and successes.

## **Category 4, Outstanding Administrative/Clerical Support Employee**

Honoring support-type clerical employees who perform work in stenography, typing, correspondence, mail and file, and other.

## **Category 5, Outstanding Community Service Employee**

Honoring employees who perform significant volunteer service in their communities.

## **Category 6, Outstanding Professional Employee**

Honoring employees in a profession requiring knowledge of a field of learning acquired through education, certification, or licensing by governmental body or professional association.

## **Category 7, Outstanding Program Specialist Employee**

Honoring employees in any administrative or program area not specifically covered by one of the other categories.

## **Category 8, Outstanding Public Contact Employee**

Honoring employees whose primary duty is to provide service or benefits to the public in a face-to-face or telephonic situation.

## **Category 9, Outstanding Supervisory Employee**

Honoring employees who direct the work of others.

## **Category 10, Outstanding Technical/Program Support Employee**

Honoring employees in positions that support professional and program work.

## **Category 11, Outstanding Trades and Crafts Employee**

Honoring employees or supervisors of those engaged in the performance of skilled and unskilled work, such as manual trades, crafts and laboring occupations.

## **Category 12, JFK Leadership Excellence Employee**

Honoring employees that act as leaders, coaches, or facilitators and are respected for their selfless service, motivational skills and competence.

## **Category 13, Agency of the Year**

Honoring agencies that made a positive difference for the public through outstanding innovations or efforts tied to their missions.

# *Nominations*

## **Outstanding Law Enforcement Team, Category 1**

### **Broadview Service Staging Area Criminal Alien Program Team, ICE**

Erik Chmielewski, Jeanine Crawford, Raphael Davis, Matthew Lapinski, Adam Masztak,  
Carlos McGee, Lidio Pasillas, Robert Podgorni, Patricia Salazar, Jennifer Wall

### **Juvenile Unit, ICE**

LaVertis Evans, Shawn Holmes, Caroline Ochoa, Yesenia Ochoa, Jennifer Pauly,  
Geoffrey Pepple, Calvin Thompson

### **Financial Investigations Group, ICE**

K9 Nina, Sami Alnemri, Garrick Amschl, Juan Carrillo, Sean Clark, Todd Cox,  
Nathan Cravatta, Matt Daoud, Justin Diano, Richard Fitzgerald, Carlos Fombon,  
Jose Gonzalez, Tino Gonzalez, Thomas Gronewold, Thomas LaPak, Sherri Maguire,  
Joel Mantia, Maureen McDougall, Matthew Oswald, Miguel Pantoja, Kenneth Popovits,  
Dan Raysby, Michael Rogula, Michael Sackman, Matthew Siffermann, Robert Taylor,  
Bilos Thomas, David Vanderlaan, Krystal Williams

### **Jo Daviess Critical Incident Response Team, FBI**

Kimberly Castro, Wayne Jackowski

### **Mandell Investigation Team, FBI**

Brian Adkins, Robert Amann, Nelson Andrekovich, Christine Awender, Alan Ayars,  
Mailin Chuy-Horn, Michael Cole, Joseph Corry, Brent Dempsey, Douglas DePodesta,  
Michael Ray Diekmann, Kevin Ellis, Linda Engstrom, Paul Fairbanks, Mark Fodrey,  
David Forero, William Fraser, Jeremy Fries, Barbara Gaston, Mark Gutknecht, David Harris,  
Mary Harris, Andrew Hickey, Ellie Johnson, Shane Larkin, Denise Lecher, Maria Lyle,  
Christopher Mackey, Shannon McDaniel, Gregorio Miceli, Luigi Mondini, Michael Norgren,  
David Ostrow, Carey Pleasant, Ann Rackers, Scott Ryczek, Jason Schachner,  
Douglas Seccombe, Derek Skievaski, Christopher Smith, Thomas Szot, Lynda Thomas,  
Courtenae Trautmann, David Twohig, Brian Watts, Kenneth Wheeler, Neil Wheeler,  
David White, Artilie Wright, Robert Wright, Charles Yun

### **Moreno-Medrano Investigative Team, FBI**

Gabriel Casanova, Brian Etchell, Brandon Fox, Craig Henderson,  
Brendan O'Leary, Christine Rehash, Christopher Stetler

### **EPA v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Clean Water Act Enforcement Team**

**EPA** - Deborah Carlson, Cynthia Dixon, Caterine Fox, Patrick Kuefler, Jane Lupton,  
Dean Maraldo, Keith Middleton, Sushila Nanda, Robert Newport

**DOJ** - Steven Ellis, Richard Knodt, Sumona Majumdar, Catherine Banerjee Rojko

### **U.S. Marshal Service and Customs Border Control Team, FPS**

Miguel Leoncortez, Andre Lewis, John Rader, William Santiago, Kevin Staten,  
Zach Tarr, Richard Walenda, Leonard Wilkerson, Jack Wisniewski

## **Outstanding Public Service Team, Category 2**

### **Bayh Courthouse Team, GSA**

Mohammed Ahmed, Yaniv Arazy, Lauren Behan, Lowell Black, Brian Bock, Brad Gardner, Lisa Gonzalez, Jason Hoffmann, Maritza Johnson, Steve Kuchera, Kathryn Leonardo, Mariah McGunigle, Shahid Mubeen, Joe Mulligan, Rebecca Olson, Dana Pionke, Phil Ramos, Goran Simic, Mark Spann, Kristina Wallig, Vanessa Zahora

### **Center for Systems and Automations Systems Operations Support Team, SSA, Office of the Regional Commissioner**

Cheryl Estrada, Mary Godina, Norma Leon, Myrna Rodriguez, Michelle Smalling, Damaris Smith, Kimberly Thomas

### **Chicago Operations and Maintenance Contract Aggregation Team, GSA**

Julie Ambrose, Brian Butcher, John Caswell, Kevin Davis, Edgar Delgado, Yvonne Flores, Nancy Kalata, Carla Kendall, Michael Little, David Mazzolini, Michael McMahon, Julie Nowak, Vince Pumo, Petar Rogic, Gregory Rose, Anthony Venticinque, Latisha Williams, Lonnie Williams, Marc Zitzer

### **Chicago SE Service Representative Unit, SSA, Office of the Regional Commissioner**

Cecelia Archer, Nikkisha Balom, Annette Grady, Elaine Gray-Dixon, Anthony King, Kenneth Proctor, Belinda Rios

### **Chicago Regional Office Marketplace Casework Team, CMS**

Stephanie Arriaga, Beatriz Bandemer, Michelle Beasley, Monica Brown, Gregory Bublitz, Edgar Buyao, Pamela Carson, Albert Feliciano, Felicia Fernandez, Theresa Fey, Lisa Foltz, Shantell Franklin, Sharlene Frayer, Lashanda Glasgow, Avalon Gordon, Jessica Halbert, Wanda Hardges, Sharon Johnson, Kenvin Ivory Kennedy, Alicia Kimbrew, Timothy Lape, Natosha Lee, Albert Simon Licup, Barbara Martin, Anne McMillan, Stefan McMillan, Bertha Napper, Dolores Perteet, Sandra Porter, Michael Reardon, Nicolas Rodriguez Jr., Daniel Roewe, Gregory Ryan, Jessica Sanguma, Mara Siler-Price, Ryan Smith, Hye Sun Lee, Michelle Taylor, Beverly Tyree, Saran Watson, Doris Wilson, Lina Zaccardelli

### **Health Insurance Marketplace Outreach Team, CMS**

Brenda Delgado, Dell Gist, Carrie Grubert, Amy Hennessy, Cathy Leonis, Gregg McAllister, Michaela Monaghan, Elizabeth Schinderle

### **Data Collection and Extraction Program Team, Hines VA**

Mattea Baltierra, Reneda Bryant, Lois Conrad, Suzette Davis, Neil Franco, Antoinette Garth, Virginia Gibson, Glen Goedde, Bill Keith, Toya Kilgore, James Kister, Robert Lafond, Luis Moncayo, Kimberly Newell, Deborah Rembert, Joi Smith, Jeanne Vandyke, Dave Zukoski

### **Digitization Services Solicitation Team, RRB**

Paul Ahern, Daniel Bartnicki, Marguerite Dadabo, Michael Dwyer, Elizabeth Kelly, Beverly Kirk

### **Employee Environment Team, Brown VA**

John Cap, Michael Catanese, Alana Epkins, Brian Fondren, Kristin Hailey, Jolie Lewis-Rubin, Johnnie Minefee, Megan Richardson, Judy Smith, Leroy Smith, Mark Weisenber

## **Outstanding Public Service Team, Category 2 continued**

### **ESPC GLAKES Phase 2 Team, NAVFAC MW**

Peter Behrens, Homer Benavides, Shannon Bever, Mark Conti, Jimmy Correa, Howard Hicky, Christopher Kalinowski, Robert Kidd, James Kinzig, Josh Kirk, Blayne Kirsch, Celina Kline, Geoffrey Krajci, Samuel Krensis, John Landrum, Robert Lopez, Bruce Mack, Jerome Martin, Steven Masters, Richard Mattie, Beth Pascual, Douglas Reimann, David Sapp, Jeffrey Schiller, Charles Schultz, Donald Snyder, Richard Thomas, Steven Tolley, Robert Warrington, Christopher Wolf, Mark Zuberbuehler

### **FAS Electronic Flipbook Team, GSA**

John Barnicle, Frank Fornaris, Eric Novak, Sara Schulz, Thom Sudol, Caroline Wolf

### **Financial Management Integrated System Team, RRB**

Paul Ahern, Karen Bentall, Georgia Blalock, John Bognar, Karen Crawford, Kristofer Garmager, Patricia Gendon, Jerry Gilbert, Lawrence Haskin, Elizabeth Kelly, Herbert Kwan, Thomas McCarthy, David Miller, Ronald Roden, Michael Sanchez, Julie Schwalge, Elizabeth Stubits, John Walter

### **Fire Program Specialists Team, FEMA**

Richard Dunne, James Opoka, Victoria Hanson, Donald Mobley

### **Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study Team, USACE**

Dena Abou-El-Seoud, David Bucaro, Nikki Chaffin, Susanne Davis, Lauren Fleeer, Dave Force, Sarah Gross, Rana Mishra, Johnna Pottoff, Kim Sabo, T.Y. Su, Laura Vanden Berg, Dave Wethington, Kendall Zaborowski

### **Kinneary Courthouse Team, GSA**

Karen Beaty, Mike Doede, Courtney Hatchel, Mike Krueger, Mariah McGunigle, Greg Oprian, Dan Schlacks, Dan Snavelly, Dave Tharp, Carly Thompson, Michelle Wehrle

### **Military Entrance Processing Command, USMEPCOM**

Jaime Clayton, Kathleen Davis, Darryl Dickinson, Matthew Glynn, Katherine Murphy, Nina Nichols, Jennifer Shaw, Paul Sutton, Darryll Woodson

### **Mobile Medical Unit, Hines VA**

Tyler Goodwine, Surrina Hamb, Ryan Landi, Cris Mabrito, Susan Merritt, Robert Peterson

### **National Deep Energy Retrofit Program Team, GSA**

Ryan Beard, Jack Gaworski, Delois Glover, Pam Howe, Nathan Ingersoll, Anthony Janairo, Kathleen Kapala, Shahid Mubeen, Dana Pionke, William Renner, Jonathan Rubin, Ron Snow, Mark Spann, Irene Stamatakis, Tony Venticinque, Mike Virgilio, Steve Wallace, Miranda Webster, Brian Weiss, Bruce Wolf

### **National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Workgroup, SAMHSA**

David Bingaman, Jeffrey Coady, Lesley Craig, Erica Fleischer, Stephanie Gove-Yin, Kathie Gray, Michelle Hoersch, Catherine Leonis, Elizabeth Otter, Jonathan Sanchez-Leos, Jim Varpness, Kathleen Votava

## **Outstanding Public Service Team, Category 2 continued**

### **Northern Illinois Air Toxics Team, EPA**

Catherine Banerjee Rojko, Jack Barnette, Motria Caudill, Andy Chang, Michelle Colledge, Theresa Hosick, Mark Johnson, Christine Liszewski, Steve Machemer, Phuong Nguyen, Maureen O' Neill, Robert Peachey, Dakota Prentice, Randall Robinson, Kushal Som, Natalie Topinka, Jaime Wagner, Jennifer Williams

### **O'Hare Airport Expansion Team, FAA**

Ken Acerbi, Mike Allen, Carlos Aranda, Jay Arrington, Tom Austin, Keith Brandt, Dan Carrico, Chrissdaly Claussells, Carol Cohen, Ralph Crame, Stephanie Crocker, Gregg Crowell, Mark Cruse, Emad Dinkha, Charlie Driscoll, Christina Drouet, Jeanette Daubaras, Jose DeLeon, Al Dent, Dominika Drozdal, Scott Enander, Chuck Faso, Rodolfo Figueroa, Mark Fox, Mark Gallant, Norman Gallant, Mauricio Garcia, James Michael Geiman, Guadalupe Gonzalez, John Grotefend, Tricia Halpin, Amy Hanson, Rudi Harmon, Stephanie Harris, Anthony Harts, John Hedlund, Richard Heil, Jeff Herald, Denise Hervig, Carolyn Holman, Babatope Ilesanmi, Niranjala Jiffrey, Ed Johnson, Eric Johnson, Gil Jung, Steve Katz, Jeff Klang, Raymond Korizon, Mary Kruger, Richard Kula, Sam Lakhani, Carlton Lambiasi, George Langas, Larry Larrumbide, Thomas Lattimer, Sarah Liddell, Calvin Lu, Howard Manning, Virginia Marcks, Kevin Markwell, Irene Medina, Dina Mekhail, Jane Melle, Tony Molinaro, Patrick Monaghan, Jeff Money, Paul Murphy, Dr. Nassr Nashatt, Gary Nielsen, Maria Ortiz, Daniel O'Shaughnessy, Jeff Page, Michael Papini, Clint Pautsky, Bob Pedersen, Bob Pedersen, Robert Pipkin, Charles Prock, Jenny Ross, Tom Rucker, Joseph Ruddy, Marcos Ruiz, Sara Sampra, Ken Sandor, Dean Schuette, Kurt Schwager, Scott Shoesmith, Vincent Siciliano, Kenneth Spencer, Tom Stanonis, John Smith, Japhath Taylor, Glen Timmerman, Vinnie Vanderlaan, Lori Vanderleest, Anthony Vappi, Chris Wallace, Patrick Wells, Chad Whitman, Gary Williams, Bernie Woolridge, Clark Young

### **Office of Quality Review Chicago Information Technology Team, SSA Office of Quality Performance**

Sam Chatfield, John Galanek, Clyde Ishida, Pamela Issen, Tom Pajkos, Cristal Russell

### **Outpatient Pharmacy Team, Brown VA**

Sharon Aaron, Jennifer Davis, Roosevelt Gillespie, Brian Glovack, Daniel Jung, Isabel Sanvanson Karceski, Kauser Khan, Atit Patel, Sara Samuel, Elizabeth Stone, Anthony Wong

### **Overpayment Recovery and Correspondence System Team, RRB**

Raymond Boyd, James Carr, Patricia Gendon, Jacqueline Head, Doris Hill, John Lach, Stephen Lee, James McFadden, Latrece McGinnis, Carla Michael, Melanie Novak, Josephine Ollie, Susan Pastin, Beverly Patton, Semarian Robinson, Ronald Russo, Princess Thompson, Joan Voslar, Parris Washington, Frank Wach, Nadine Youngs

### **Patient Care Aligned Team, Hines VA**

Pamela Coyner-Bruno, Cherry Felton, Cassandra Weems, Ann Werner

### **Patient Discharge Team, North Chicago VA**

Mary Ann Allred, Ray Arceo, JoAnn Carlson, William Cotter, Michelle Franklin, Carol Gilchrist, Brian Mccoy, Sherri Stoecklein, Geri Wittenberg

## **Outstanding Public Service Team, Category 2 continued**

### **Payment Express Team, IRS Senior Commissioner's Representative**

Paulette Bates, Gloria McConico

### **Region V Tornado Response Team, OSHA**

Larken Akins, Tom Bielema, Mike Bopp, Brian Bothast, David Brockway, Kacey Cramer, John Crane, Ryan Cooney, Orville Crawford, Keith Daly, James DeBouver, Adam Fechhelm, Andy Fuchs, Steve Geiler, Lenny Heflin, Piotr Kleczynski, Joseph Knaff, Steve Lake, Richard Lambert, Paula Lethiot, Diana Lopez, Ed Marshall, James Martineck, Ken Montgomery, Tony Nozzi, Joel Nyenhuis, Zahinira Pietri, Mark Rzasas, Barry Salerno, Marc Snitzer, Justin Sternes, Jeb Stewart, Jeff Strain, Andrew Youpel

### **Room Service Implementation Team, Brown VA**

Dari Andruzzi, Jolie Lewis-Rubin, Johnnie Minefee, Margaret Myslinsky, Shari Pollack, Megan Richardson

### **T16 Claims Representative Team, SSA**

Ewelina Bieganski, Lucia Garcia, Anthony Frazier, Cipriano Menendez, Juan Quinones, Yvonne Rodriguez, Carmen Sanchez, Narcisa Vinuesa

### **Veteran's Food Pantry, Brown VA**

Gary Abels, Michelle Blakely, Joe Brazil, Ann Brown, Wilson Chow, Jill Dietrich, Patrick Gleason, Bernina Green, Kevin Harris, Ron Hughes, Don Jackson, Tamara Jordan, Taquoya Kennedy, Paul King, Otis Lee, Kate Maehr, Adam McGriffin, Lenwood Oneal, Vincent Pegues, Steve Thurman, Trent Ward

## **Outstanding Safety Team, Category 3**

### **Active Shooter Response Team, OASAM**

Larken Akins, Brent Barron, Bryan Droste, Mary Dykshorn, Greg Hanson, Richard Pratt, Cory Upmeyer

### **Community Living Center 1C Nursing Team, Hines VA**

Delia Flores, Robin Metz, Doris Powledge, Maggie Ross, Marsha Watson

### **Falls Patient Safety Team, Hines VA**

Susan Adeli, Sung Ahn, Anita Bor-Brown, Kathy Clancy, Carol Gouty, Renita Howard, Vansa Kamar, Mary McCabe, Bhairvi Patel, Valerie Wodzinski

### **Patient Safety Team, Hines VA**

John Bailey, Ryan Landi, Pat McCoy, Liz Mirabella, Colleen Novak, Helen Schneider, Jean Snead, Jennifer Wasielewski, Chris Wirtjes, Valerie Wodzinski

### **Safety and Office of Information Technology Team, Hines VA**

Dandrea Adams, Anthony Ancona, Christopher Beattie, Bruce Burrell, Michael Halm, William Hanley, Lawrence Koniecki, Tom Kotulski, Michael McCrary, Mike McMahon, Martin Muth

## Outstanding Administrative/Clerical Support Employee, Category 4

**Joanne Bamberger-Ley**, Secretary, FAA

**Tonia Carr**, Administrative Support  
Assistant, USACE

**Marcus Caruthers**, Program Assistant,  
EPA

**Edwina Demessa Nathan**, Medical  
Records Technician, Brown VA

**Patricia Gutierrez**, Management  
Support Clerk, USACE

**Surrina Hamb**, Medical Support  
Assistant, Hines VA

**Arlene Henderson**, Accounting  
Technician, USACE

**Christine Klinckman**, Administrative  
Assistant, IRS

**Riverlee Lamarr**, Management  
Assistant, SSA

**Sondra Moore**, Mail Classification  
Clerk, USPS

**Calvin Morgan**, Lead Intake Scanning  
Technician, SSA

## Outstanding Community Service Employee, Category 5

**Sylvia Del Raso**, Mail Handler, USPS

**Cristine Mabrito**, Communication  
Specialist, Hines VA

**Ruthie Maldonado-Delwiche**, Human  
Resources Specialist, RRB

**Tamika Powell**, Supervisory Case  
Manager, SSA

## Outstanding Professional Employee, Category 6

**Bill Beach**, Disability  
Examiner, SSA

**Patricia Bombard**, Staff  
Operations Specialist,  
FBI

**Megan Bracamontes**,  
Licensed Practical Nurse,  
Hines VA

**Michael Bragado**,  
Licensed Practical  
Nurse, Hines VA

**Dan Broholm**, Special  
Agent, OPM

**Stephen Carbery**, Lead  
Project Manager, GSA

**Maruja Cruz**,  
Registered Nurse, Hines  
VA

**Thomas Daum**, Primary  
Care Physician, Hines  
VA

**Edgardo Dejesus**,  
Manpower Management  
Analyst, North Chicago  
VA

**David Druzbecki**, Senior  
Cost Engineer, USACE

**Jonessa Farano**, Nurse  
Practitioner, Hines VA

**Maria Filippi**,  
Registered Nurse, Hines  
VA

**Mary Flores**, program  
leader, SSA

**Vitalina Goldenberg**,  
Nurse Care Manager,  
Hines VA

**Eben Greybourne**,  
Supervisory Contracting  
Officer, GSA

**Listianingsih Hariman**,  
Doctor of Medicine,  
Hines VA

**Lena Huang**,  
Pharmacist, Hines VA

**Reta (Stella) Hutton**,  
National Program  
Consultant, Blind  
Rehabilitation Service,  
Hines VA

**Barbara Janczy**, Nurse,  
Hines VA

**John Jandovitz**, Senior  
Reactor Engineer, NRC

**Jevon Johnson**, Social  
Worker, Hines VA

**Roxanne Kainz**,  
Regional Accountant,  
NAVFAC MW

**Leon Kaufmann**,  
Clinical Psychologist,  
Brown VA

**Tim Kroll**, Operations  
Project Manager,  
USACE

**Elizabeth Krzeminski**,  
Registered Nurse, Hines  
VA

**Richard Lexby**, Fraud  
Specialist, IRS

**Geoffrey Malia**,  
Architect/ Community  
Planner, NAVFAC MW

**Markella Mason**,  
Benefit Authorizer, SSA

**Russell Maziarika**,  
Operations and Planning  
Officer, ARNORTH  
DCE

## Outstanding Professional Employee, Category 6 continued

**Robin Metz**, Certified Nursing Assistant, Hines VA

**Michael Mirante**, Internal Revenue Agent, IRS

**Colleen Novak**, Health Science Specialist/Assistant Director Quality and Systems Improvement, Hines VA

**Ben O'Neil**, Environmental Engineer, USACE

**Jason Rasmussen**, Fiscal Operations Specialist, ACF

**Charles Riva**, Physical Therapist, Hines VA

**Katie Robinson**, Regional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, NRMW

**Padmaja Sattu**, General Medicine Practitioner, Hines VA

**David Schall**, Regional Flight Surgeon, FAA

**Brian Schmitt**, Chief, Medical Service Line, Hines VA

**Joseph Schulenberg**, Senior Geotechnical Engineer - Regional Technical Specialist, USACE

**Beth Scott**, Nurse, Hines VA

**Marva Taylor**, Administrative Officer, FAA

**Kristen Thompson**, Architect, NAVFAC MW  
**Denise Van Vossen**, Kinesiotherapist/Cardiac Rehab Specialist, Hines VA

**Laura Vanden Berg**, Civil Engineer, USACE

**LaVandria Virgil**, Special Agent, OPM

**Jack Wisniewski**, Inspector, FPS

## Outstanding Program Specialist Employee, Category 7

**Elinita Brown**, Coverage Specialist, RRB

**Joseph Brown**, IT Specialist, RRB

**Joan Cameron**, Special Survey Technician, Bureau of the Census

**Diane Carbonara**, Community Outreach Specialist, FBI

**Emi Cummings**, Program Specialist, Hines VA

**William Davis**, Software Developer, RRB

**Jay Desai**, Lead Program Manager, USACE

**Magdalena Dodevska**, Program Specialist, SSA

**Cathy Elwardt**, Program Analyst, FAA

**Kathleen FioRito**, Public Affairs Specialist, FNS

**Mary Flor**, Management Analyst, RRB

**Timothy Grant**, Chief Privacy Officer, RRB

**Max Harris**, Management and Program Analyst, OASAM

**Elizabeth Kelly**, Contract Specialist, RRB

**Eric Martinez**, Management Analyst, SSA

**Betty McClendon**, Human Resources Specialist, IRS

**Irene Miller**, Senior Railroad Retirement Claims Examiner, RRB

**Satwant Mudahar**, Disability Examiner, SSA

**Milagros Ortiz**, Social Insurance Specialist, SSA

**Tiffany Richmond**, Program Specialist, Hines VA

**Russell Rickart**, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Specialist, FEMA

**Edward Roberts**, Senior Policy and Systems Analyst, RRB

**Paula Roychaudhuri**, Health Systems Specialist, Hines VA

**Bradley Swenson**, Disability Examiner, SSA

**Anna Wagner**, Management Analyst, EPA

**Latasha Walker**, Customer Service Representative, RRB

**Heather Wanderski**, Program Analyst, OSHA  
**Kirk Wolski**, Support Services Specialist, SSA

## Outstanding Public Contact Employee, Category 8

**Gregory Beach**, Post-Entitlement  
Technical Expert, SSA  
**Denise Cooper**, Claims Authorizer, SSA  
**Johnnie Jordan**, Contact Representative/  
Service Representative, SSA  
**Veronica Mendez**, T16 Technical  
Expert, SSA

**Urszula Pawlus**, Service Representative,  
SSA  
**Adriana Sanchez**, T16 Claims  
Representative, SSA  
**Rosa Soto**, Claims Representative, SSA  
**Karen Turner**, Claims Representative,  
SSA

## Outstanding Supervisory Employee, Category 9

**Antoine Bell**, Supervisory Property  
Manager, GSA  
**Phillip Chiamonte**, Kinesotherapist,  
Hines VA  
**Rebecca Frey**, Supervisory  
Environmental Scientist, EPA  
**Marivic Gregorio**, Quality and  
Systems Specialist, Hines VA  
**John Groboski**, Chief of Civil Design,  
Specification, and Cost, USACE  
**Mary Beth Harrison**, Assistant Chief,  
Blind Rehab Specialist, Hines VA  
**Frederick Jackson**, Chief of Inpatient  
Care and Processing Section of Patient  
Administration Service, Hines VA  
**Amanda Kalins**, Addictions Treatment  
Program Coordinator, Social Work  
Clinical Manager, Hines VA  
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Analyst, USMEPCOM

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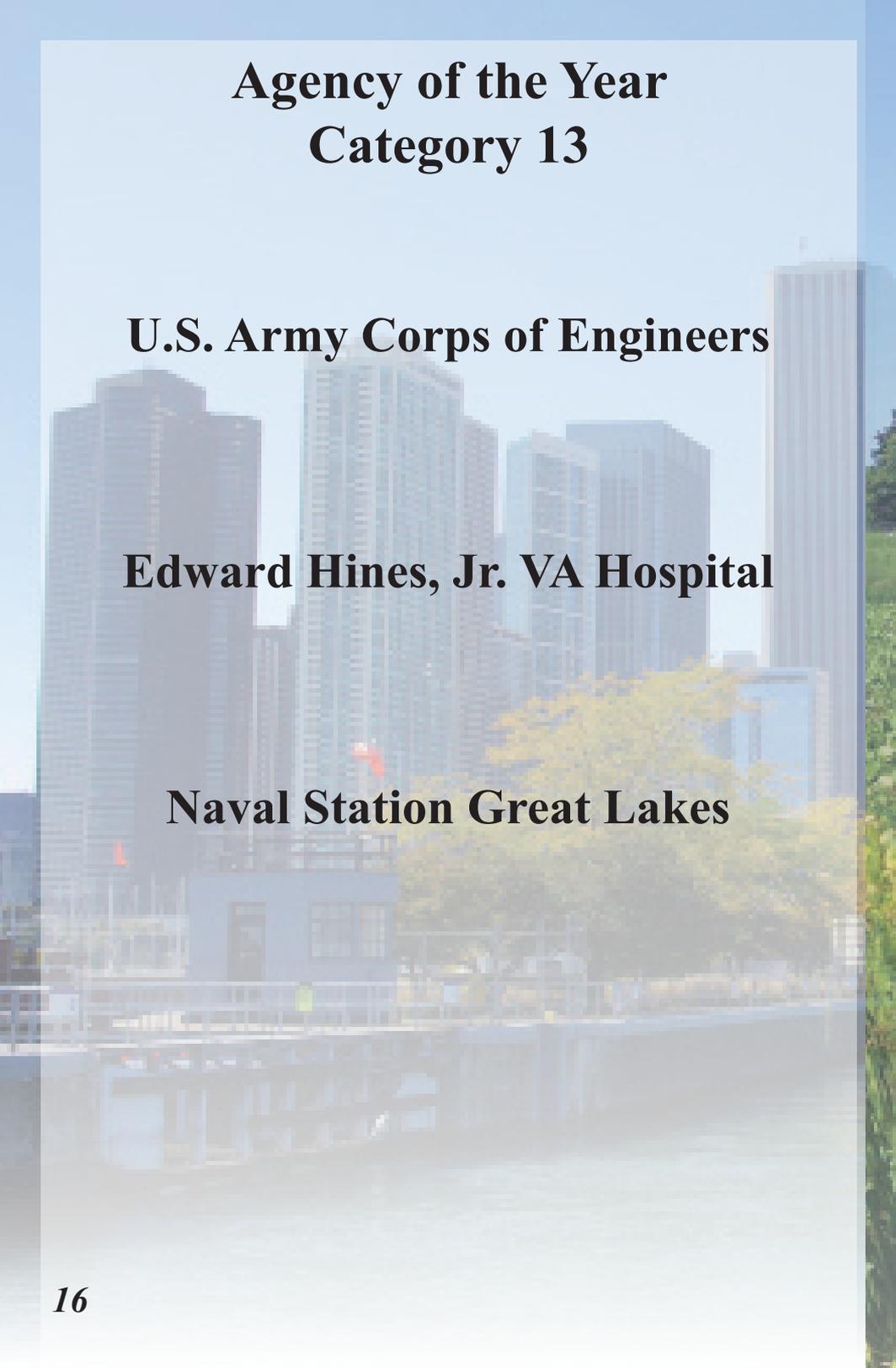
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### ***Christopher Burke, Distinguished Judge***

Christopher Burke, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE, Dist.M.ASCE, is the president of Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. and a leading expert in stormwater management. He has unique experience in all aspects of water resources and civil engineering projects and design. Dr. Burke has served as an expert witness on numerous cases in circuit and federal courts. He formed The Burke Group, which includes several engineering design and surveying companies. Headquartered in Rosemont, Ill., The Burke Group maintains nine offices throughout Illinois and

Indiana, and employs more than 375 people. The Engineering News-Record cited them as 176<sup>th</sup> in the top 500 design firms in the U.S. in 2013. Dr. Burke has authored more than 30 publications in water resources, including the Stormwater Drainage Manual for the Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program. He sponsors Purdue University's Chi Epsilon and ASCE student chapters. Dr. Burke's contributions established the Burke Hydraulics and Hydrology Research and Teaching Laboratory, the Burke Undergraduate Hydraulic Laboratory, the H2O Laboratory, and the Christopher B. Burke Professorship. He has also endowed the Rosemary K. Burke Student of the Year Award and the Edward M. Burke Professor of the Year Award. Since 2002, he has been professor of practice in the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His awards include President's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Purdue Engineering Alumni Association, Honorary Doctorate from Purdue University in 2010, Corporate Philanthropic Award from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network, and the American Public Works Association Top Ten Leader of the Year Award.

### ***Marcy Knysz, Distinguished Judge***

Marcy Knysz is a senior consultant with Cardno JFNew. Knysz has over 15 years of experience in environmental resources in both the private and public sectors. Her areas of expertise include project management, habitat conservation planning, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit compliance, watershed planning, NEPA and Endangered Species Act compliance, wetland permitting, wetland mitigation design, grant writing, and grant administration. Knysz received an M.S. in



Biology from Northern Illinois University and a B.S. in Cell and Structure Biology from the University of Illinois. She is an American Institute Certified Planner, LEED Accredited Professional, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, Lake County Certified Wetland Specialist, and Lake County Designated Erosion Control Inspector. Knysz is the watershed coordinator for the Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership and the vice-chair of the Lake County Municipal Advisory Committee. She is also a member of the Illinois Association of Environmental

**18** Professionals, International Erosion Control Association, American Planning Association, and the Lake County Technical Advisory Committee.



***Daniel J. Krill, Distinguished Judge***

Daniel K. Krill is the president of DK Environmental Services, providing environmental consultation services for regulatory agencies, municipalities, institutions, engineering firms, private developers, nature preserves, park districts, and businesses for 20 years. Krill is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control; a Lake County Designated Erosion Control Inspector; a Certified Wetland Specialist; and a site plan reviewer and inspector for Village and County agencies, specializing in wetland, floodplain, and natural resource protection and enhancement. Services DKES provides include environmental education, erosion control inspections and recommendations, and wetland permitting.



***James Montgomery, Distinguished Judge***

James Montgomery is an associate professor and former chair of the Department of Environmental Science and Studies at DePaul University in Chicago. He holds a B.S. and M.S. in Geology from Baylor University, and a Ph.D. in soil science from Washington State University. He teaches environmental soil science, introductory environmental science, and the senior capstone course for environmental science and studies majors. His academic interests include wetland science, urban soils, and campus sustainability. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Environmental Practice, the flagship journal of the National Association of Environmental Professionals. He is a member of the Soil Science Society of America, Society of Wetland Scientists, American Water Resources Association, National Association of Environmental Professionals and the Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals.



### ***Romel Powell, Distinguished Judge***

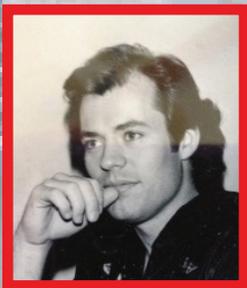
Romel Powell is the HIV Youth Prevention Project Coordinator for Chicago House, under the Center on Halsted. Powell's outreach and support group facilitation experience includes Mt. Sinai, Lurie Children's Hospital, and Howard Brown. Powell spent almost a decade in the culinary industry and started a personal chef business in Dallas, Texas. After the decline of the business, he used his volunteer experience to transition into HIV prevention and education. He has diligently worked as an advocate for promoting sexual health.



### ***Dawn Hasbrouck, Master of Ceremonies***

Dawn Hasbrouck co-anchors FOX 32 News weekdays from 9 to 10 p.m. She was born and raised in Chicago. Prior to joining FOX 32, she spent three years as an Emmy-nominated anchor and reporter for WBZ-TV (CBS) in Boston. While there, she was honored by the Boston Business Journal and named to its Top 40 under 40 list. Hasbrouck has also held anchor positions in Hartford, Conn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Savannah, Ga.; Lexington, Ky.; and Des Moines, Iowa. Hasbrouck has a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from Duke University and a certificate in

Film and Video Production. While at Duke, she studied at the Cinema Television School at the University of California. She received her Masters of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and was inducted into the university's "Council of 100" - a group of the institution's top female graduates. Hasbrouck also studied opera for nine years.



### ***Mike Stanton, Narrator***

Mike Stanton is a lifelong resident of the Chicago area. After a bit of modeling to help pay for college, a 13-year career in manufacturing, law school at night, and two years with plaintiff's personal injury law firms, Stanton has been with the SSA almost 20 years. Now a human resources development specialist, he is the SSA Chicago Region's coordinator for the Federal Employee of the Year Awards.



### ***Aeverling, Performer***

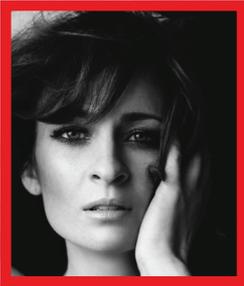
Aeverling is an acoustic folk-rock trio made up of Lorinda Wright, Juanita Rea, and Gary Guenther. They play a mix of original music and cover songs crafted from a rich blend of vocal harmonies and complex musical arrangements. Influences for this unique band range from Indigo Girls to Fleetwood Mac to James Taylor. Aeverling will put on a show with a little something for everyone. Lorinda Wright is a research health scientist at Hines VA.



### ***Aryk Crowder, Performer***

Aryk Crowder began creating music using a four-track tape recorder in a 450 square foot studio apartment. Combining his past experiences, Crowder wrote lyrics hailing from the world of rhythm and blues - guitar riffs inspired by Jimi Hendrix and intricately molded vocals recalling the soulful warmth of Al Green. He has done live performances at some of Chicago's most prominent venues. For his first album since his 2010 EP "Ready, Set..." and his 2012 record "Over Getting Over," Crowder has written a collection of songs that will span two EPs on the upcoming

"2x4" collection that features some of the best soul and R&B talent in Chicago, including members of the award winning hip-hop ensemble Sidewalk Chalk.



### ***Godwin, Performer***

From pop to classical to soul, Godwin has been fortunate enough to have made a living as a performer for the past 10 years. A songwriter, she has released five EPs of original material. Her single, Katy's Side, was featured on "Keeping up with the Kardashians" in 2013, and her voice can currently be heard on the Wisconsin-based Patrick Cudahy radio jingle and the Lia Sophia theme song. She's performed the National Anthem at the Chicago Bulls, the Chicago Bandits, and the Chicago Fire. This spring, she was invited to sing at the Center on Halsted Humans First Gala with AGT's finalist, Branden James. Godwin

was a featured performer at the Human Rights Campaign galas in San Francisco and Chicago in 2013, and she continues to stand for equality in every sense of the word. When Godwin isn't performing her own music, she teaches voice lessons in her private studio and theater classes at Columbia College, and Northwestern University Cherubs. As an actress, she has been on stage at Northlight Theatre, The Music Theatre Company, Court Theatre, Porchlight Music Theatre, Steppenwolf, Pegasus Players, and Bohemian Theatre Ensemble. She volunteers at the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Lurie Children's Hospital, and Sunrise Assisted Living. Several times a year, she visits middle and high schools across the country to talk to students, specifically young women, about body image, bullying, and finding self. Godwin wants to continue to use her experiences and music to encourage young women to seek authenticity, build confidence, and find a better outlet for their emotions through the arts.



### ***Julie Gustis, Performer***

Julie Gustis has been a special agent with the Office of Inspector General of the RRB since 2012. Gustis has been with the RRB for over seven years, beginning her career as a Medicare claims examiner and then serving as the agency's emergency management specialist. Special Agent Gustis attended Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., where she majored in Music and minored in Psychology. One of her most notable performances was singing the National Anthem at a White Sox game. Gustis has sung for many RRB events, and continues to be an active member

in her community. Gustis says, "Music is the universal language and can touch people in a way the spoken word never will be able."



### ***Tamika Hinton, Performer***

Born on the Southside of Chicago and raised in the New City and Englewood communities, Tamika Hinton obtained her Master in Healthcare Administration from Governors State University and her B.A. in Communication from Western Illinois University. Hinton is a human resources specialist at Hines VA. Her service began at the Madison VA in Wisconsin in the Government Health Administrative Training Program as an administrative fellow. Hinton has held several leadership and program management positions in Public Health and was a fellow for the

International Center for Health Leadership Development through the University of Illinois. Hinton served as associate project manager at Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition for the Closing the Gap Initiative - a project designed to reduce the incidence of Prematurity and S.I.D.S in four high-risk Chicago communities. Some of her community affiliations included Co-Chair for the Target Populations Workgroup for the New Communities Program in Englewood and as a Representative for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Health Taskforce in the state of Illinois.



### ***Michael Jones, Performer***

A son of a musician, and a singer all his life, Jones grew up singing in church, school ensembles, and many singing groups. At the end of his senior year of high school, Jones toured Europe with the School Band and School Chorus of America, playing venues in Amsterdam, Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. He has collaborated with some of the best writers, producers and artists, and opened for Bonnie Pointer of the Pointer Sisters, Jennifer Holiday, The Commodores, the Stylistics, and Skyy. Jones has done projects on major labels like United Artist, Capital, RCA, and EMI. He has also done commercials for Revlon and Kraft. Jones is currently lead singer for the Gentlemen of Leisure Band. The Gents played in Las Vegas for New Years Eve Balls at the MGM Grand, Treasure Island, and Bellagio. The Gents played for mayors, governors, first ladies, and one of the Inaugural Balls for President Obama in 2008. In 2013, the Gents played for George Lucas and Melanie Hopson's wedding reception in Chicago, opening for Prince. Jones has worked for USACE for 28 years, and works for the Contracting Branch as a management support assistant.



### ***Peter Swenson Trio, Performer***

Peter Swenson is a musician of diverse interests. Early studies in classic guitar led to an interest in the baroque lute, an instrument on which he has performed with Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony, Chicago Opera Theater and Music of the Baroque. As a guitarist, he performs with folk artists such as Michael Smith and Jamie O'Reilly. He enjoys performing in small jazz group such as the trio featured today (John Floeter, bass and Mark Hiebert, saxophone). Swenson holds a B.S. from Ball State University in Guitar Performance/Music Theory and Composition and an M.S. from Illinois Institute of Technology in Environmental Engineering. He is chief of Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, in the Water Division at the EPA.

### ***Next Chapter, Performer***

Members are Gene Simmons on keyboards (no he wasn't with Kiss), Terry Grier on bass guitar, and Steven Ross on lead guitar. Grier and Simmons have been playing together since the early 1970s and formed the band in 1994. Ross is the newest member of the band after auditioning in September 2013. The band's musical influences are many, from The Temptations to Led Zeppelin and even Frank Zappa and many Blues legends.



# ABOUT

HARRIS THEATER FOR MUSIC AND DANCE



## A PARTNER TO CHICAGO'S PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY

Opened on November 8, 2003, the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park became the first multi-use performing arts venue built in downtown Chicago since 1929. Today, 10 years later, the nonprofit Harris Theater celebrates its first decade during the 2013-2014 season and features the most diverse offerings of any venue in Chicago, hosting local, national, and internationally renowned artists and ensembles.

A core component of the Harris Theater's mission is to partner and collaborate with Chicago's emerging and mid-sized performing arts organizations. In addition to providing subsidized rental, technical expertise, and marketing support to these companies, the Theater offers professional development opportunities to its resident companies, including the innovative Learning Lab, endorsed with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 10 seasons, the Harris Theater's original group of 12 resident companies has grown to include 35 diverse and exceptionally talented performing arts organizations. Through these partnerships, the Theater has earned national recognition as a unique model for collaboration, performance, and artistic advancement.

Through the *Harris Theater Presents* series, the Theater has achieved widespread recognition as a vital cultural anchor in the city. Daniel Barenboim, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Renée Fleming, the Hamburg Ballet, Lang Lang, the New York City Ballet, the Paris Opéra Ballet, the San Francisco Ballet, Stephen Sondheim, and many others have all graced the Harris' Elizabeth Morse Genius Stage through this series.

The Harris Theater is committed to advancing access to and appreciation of the performing arts for Chicago residents of all ages and communities through the *Family Series*, *Eat to the Beat* lunchtime series, and engagement programs. Through the *Access Tickets Program* and *Teen Arts Project*, the Harris Theater has provided over 7,300 complimentary tickets to 36 schools, community arts organizations, and health and human services partners working with under-served constituencies. The Theater also provides opportunities for children, teens, and families to connect with the world-class artists who appear on the Harris stage through master classes, artist discussions, and other enrichment activities.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of public servants across the United States has been instrumental in making our nation strong and prosperous; and,

WHEREAS, a special day is set aside each year to recognize the outstanding service of dedicated federal employees; and,

WHEREAS, this year, the 57th Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held on May 6, 2014 at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park. The theme for this year's ceremony is "Shoulder to Shoulder Working for the Nation"; and,

WHEREAS, at this prestigious ceremony, the men and women who have dedicated themselves to providing superior service to the American public will be honored; and,

WHEREAS, awards will be given to an outstanding employee in each of the thirteen categories that cover various types of jobs within the federal workforce; and,

THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. QUINN, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2014 as **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join in honoring these hard working individuals, and to recognize the exceptional services they provide for our society.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Besse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
FOURTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-SIX.

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR



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MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the honorable name of service, dedicated federal employees have made great contributions to the citizens of Chicago in areas such as social security, health care, education, crime prevention and many others; and

WHEREAS, a special day is set aside each year to recognize outstanding service by dedicated federal employees; and

WHEREAS, for the past 57 years, the Chicago Federal Employee of the Year Award Program has honored employees for their loyalty and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's program is *Shoulder to Shoulder Working for the Nation*; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014 awards will be given to the outstanding employee in each of thirteen categories that cover various types of jobs within the federal workforce:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2014, to be FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DAY IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize federal employees and the important services they provide.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

*Rahm Emanuel*  
Mayor

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