

## **Recognizing Excellence: The Service to America Medals**

In the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, Americans got a rare chance to witness their federal government in action. As OPM Director Kay Coles James told federal employees last fall, "your response during this emergency has helped raise public awareness of the integrity, courage, and unwavering commitment of our federal workforce." Unfortunately, positive stories about federal workers are not told often enough and it is all too easy to lose sight of the important contributions they make every day.

To pay tribute to the dedicated employees in the federal workforce and to send a powerful message to the American people about the importance of the civil service, the Partnership for Public Service, *Government Executive*, *National Journal* and *The Atlantic Monthly* have created a prestigious national awards program called the Service to America Medals. Awardees will be announced annually in September and honored at a gala awards ceremony in the nation's capitol. Awardees will receive a significant monetary award (\$3,000-\$10,000) and be profiled in *Government Executive*, *The Atlantic Monthly* and *National Journal*.

The Service to America Medals will honor those who have shown a strong commitment to public service and have demonstrated significant accomplishment within their government field that is innovative, high impact, and meets a critical need for the nation. Award categories include:

### **Federal Employee of the Year Medal**

*This medal will recognize the nominee who exemplifies the best and brightest of the federal workforce.*

### **Career Achievement Medal**

*This medal will recognize the nominee who demonstrates lifetime achievement in public service.*

### **Call to Service Medal**

*This medal will recognize the nominee who has made a significant contribution to the country as a recent entrant to the federal workforce.*

### **Heroes of September 11<sup>th</sup> Medal**

*This medal will recognize a nominee who has made a significant contribution during or after the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Medals recognizing achievement in specific government fields**

*Several medals will recognize nominees who have demonstrated significant accomplishment within a particular government field (e.g., education, health, space, national security, commerce, environment, etc.)*

**Nomination Process:**

All nominations to the awards program must be submitted on-line at: [www.govexec.com/ppp](http://www.govexec.com/ppp) Nominations will be accepted from March 1, 2002 through May 15, 2002. Nominations may be submitted by any person familiar with the nominee and his or her work. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Awardees will be chosen by a selection committee of prominent national leaders representing government, business, media and the non-profit community.