



The John C. Stennis Institute of Government

PUBLIC SERVANT of the YEAR in the STENNIS TRADITION 2008

“Public Servant of the Year in the Stennis Tradition”

Beginning in 2008, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University will bestow upon one Mississippi public servant an award captioned “Public Servant of the Year in the Stennis Tradition”. This award will recognize outstanding public service achievement in Mississippi. No particular career qualifications are required in order to be nominated for this award. Rather, the criteria for nominations include (1) that the nominee be a Mississippian, defined as living and working in Mississippi for at least 5 years; (2) that the nominee be an individual who has made an exceptional contribution(s) to public service, whether as a public official, appointed or elected, on the federal, state, local or community level, or as a volunteer or non-profit worker so engaged. Exceptional contribution, as used herein, is defined as a contribution or contributions aimed at developing, implementing and improving certain aspects of Mississippi society at the community, city, county, state or federal level.

You may nominate a recipient for the **“Public Servant of the Year in the Stennis Tradition—2008”**. We ask that nominations be typed and include the following:

- Nominee’s name, address, and other relevant contact information;
- Position(s) of public service with approximate dates of service;
- Contribution(s) that justify the nominee’s selection as the Public Servant of the Year in the Stennis Tradition.

Factors that the selection committee will consider when evaluating nominations include: length of time in public service; position(s) or office(s) held, and the importance of same during the period in which the nominee served; significant contributions to public value as a result. While this award is not necessarily reserved for a lifetime of achievement in public service, the nominee's whole body of work in the area of public service will be considered by the selection committee.

The selection committee will be made up of three members of the Stennis Institute Advisory Board and three members of the Stennis Institute Staff. The Stennis Institute would like to thank the law firm of Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis for its funding of the unique and iconic art-glass piece which will be bestowed on the award winner at the John C. Stennis Annual Birthday Summit & Gala. At the request of the firm of Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis, the Institute makes clear that no member of the law firm will serve on the selection committee and no member of the law firm will be privy to committee consultation, consideration and selection processes.

Nominations must be submitted no later than June 30, 2008, to:

***Dr. W. Martin Wiseman, Director
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