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- be a senior official of a state workforce agency or other agency/organization responsible for workforce development, unemployment insurance, employment, or labor market information services (each state may define "senior official" appropriate to its personnel policies and practices); and
- have demonstrated outstanding leadership in improving the quality and success of workforce services to America's employers and workers (such quality and success can be demonstrated in any service delivery system, support service, and/or administrative and management function).

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