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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2006
TO: Regional Board Executive Directors
FROM: Lois Scott, Program Manager, One Stop and Program Support
SUBJECT: 2006 National Awards Program

Each year, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Workforce Agencies (NASWA) presents several national awards that recognize contributions to the success of the nation's public workforce system. The awards have a long history. Workforce leaders, many from Florida, have been recognized over the last two decades. Florida leads the nation in the delivery of effective, innovative workforce services because the state is fortunate to have talented and dedicated workforce leaders. It is unfortunate that only one nomination per category per state will be considered. I encourage you, however, to nominate staff or partners who have made major contributions to your efforts. The nomination alone serves to show them your appreciation.

This year, no nominees have been identified at the state level. With the state limited to one nominee per category, we must schedule the state selection to be completed before the July 7, 2006 deadline for submission to NASWA. If you plan to make a nomination, please let us know as soon as possible. If duplication becomes apparent in any category, AWI will immediately inform the affected boards. Since the award criteria require a statement of approval from the agency administrator for one entry in each category, we will need a copy of the complete nomination packet for review no later than **June 26, 2006**. A copy of the complete nomination packet should be sent to Mable Hicks at mable.hicks@awi.state.fl.us. Workforce Florida and AWI staff will review the nominations and provide letters of authorization to the selected nominees. Winners will be honored at NASWA's Annual Conference, September 5-8, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

The following are the categories of awards to be provided:

[State-level selection – Eagle Award:](#) Honors individuals who soar to new heights in their efforts to serve employers and workers in the United States.

[William L. Heartwell Jr. Award:](#) Recognizes an individual outside the state workforce agency system who has made a significant and substantial contribution to the system.

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[James F. Walls Award:](#) Honors a local office/one-stop center employee whose conduct demonstrates his or her outstanding dedication to customers, fellow employees and his or her local community.

[Mark Sanders Award:](#) Recognizes a local office/one-stop center that has demonstrated exceptional services to disabled veterans seeking employment assistance.

[State-level selection – Merrill Baumgardner Award:](#) Recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellence in the field of automation in a state workforce agency.

Selection criteria, lists of former recipients, submission forms and requirements are attached for each of the award categories. If you have any questions, please contact Mable Hicks at 850-245-7292.

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Attachments

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