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Mr. Paul E. Bird
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Bird:

I am pleased to inform you that we are now accepting nominations for the eighth presentation of the Congressional Excalibur Award.

September 30, 1983, is the deadline for your agency to submit one or more nominations to this office which should include a letter of nomination, limited to one page, and a summary of each nominee's achievements. Nominations received after this date will be considered for a future award. As in the past, nominations for earlier Excalibur Awards will be reviewed once again.

All federal employees, civilian and military, are eligible for the Excalibur Award, and can be nominated by officials of either federal agencies or private organizations. Members of the general public may also offer nominations. Most awards are given to individuals, but a team of persons will also be considered if they worked together on a specific project.

Last February, I was privileged to honor several exemplary federal employees at the seventh presentation of the Excalibur Award: Customs Service Special Agents John Gottenborg, William Laverty and Thomas Mitchell were recognized for their outstanding courage and dedication in bringing to justice a narcotics smuggling organization; Ms. Yvonne Cartier, an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, received an Excalibur Award for her untiring efforts to assist taxpayers with special needs; and Mr. Joel Halop's

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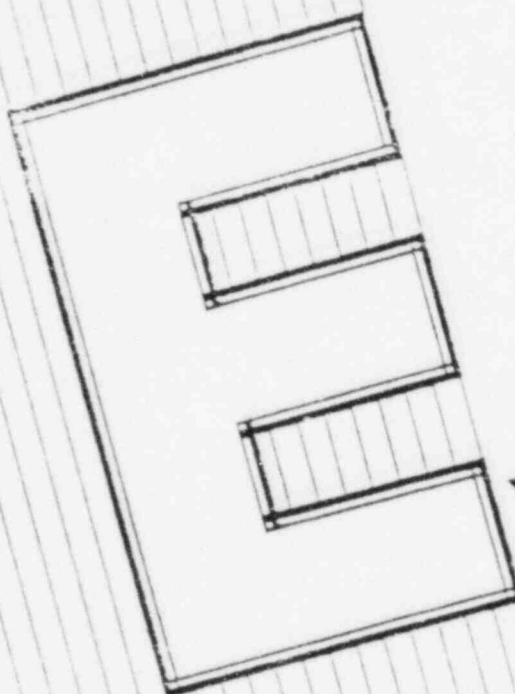
leadership role in developing a new and simple method for removing asbestos insulation for the Navy Department was also recognized.

I encourage you to publicize the Excalibur Award and the upcoming nomination period for the eighth presentation. Enclosed for your reference is a fact sheet, further describing the Award, and a flyer for posting on a bulletin board. I look forward to receiving one or more nominations from your agency.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Barnes

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Excalibur award

excellence in public service

congressional award for
Federal civilian and military personnel



Congressman Barnes presents the Seventh Excalibur Award for excellence in federal government service to Carlos J. Romero (left) and Frank T. Davis. Mr. Davis, an Outplacement Officer at the General Accounting Office, is a highly regarded career counselor successfully placing an average of 200 employees each year. Mr. Romero was honored for his role in furthering federal sector employment for women and minorities. He is an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the Labor Department.

contributions at local, national or
international levels
let the nation know
about the many outstanding
men and women in government
citation presented
at U.S. Capitol ceremony

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EXCALIBUR AWARD

FACT SHEET

Congressman Michael D. Barnes (D-8-Md.), Chairman of the Federal Government Service Task Force, initiated the Excalibur Award in 1979. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor outstanding contributions made by federal civilian and military personnel.

WHAT ARE ITS OBJECTIVES?

- o To encourage initiative and excellence in performance by government employees
- o To publicize such achievements and enhance public appreciation of the merit and performance of government employees, helping to counter the negative image sometimes associated with government service
- o To help attract talented persons to the federal service

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF NOMINEES?

On a regular basis, candidates for the Excalibur Award are sought who exemplify:

- o Outstanding efforts or leadership in solving problems at local, national, or international levels
- o Exceptional scientific, technical, or administrative achievements
- o Superior service to the public, such as the improvement of efficiency including simplification of government regulations
- o Ability to overcome obstacles to organizational objectives, such as making substantial savings in expenditures
- o High personal integrity, moral character and courage in dealing with difficult or sensitive problems