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SUBJECT: 2008 OPM GUARDIAN AWARD

This notice solicits nominations for the 2008 U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Guardian Award. OPM's Federal Investigative Services Division (FISD) instituted this award in 1998 to recognize agency excellence in security and suitability programs and operations. The award focuses specifically on agency achievements in security and suitability process automation, program implementation, or policy development resulting in enhanced timeliness, capability, capacity, and/or quality.

This year, specific security program areas of interest are those relating to enhanced determinations of eligibility for access to classified national security information and any actions to ensure determinations are appropriately uniform, centralized, efficient, effective, timely, and reciprocal to the extent consistent with safeguarding the security of the United States. Specific suitability program areas of interest are those concerning enhanced human resource practices relating to determinations of fitness, qualification, and suitability of applicants for positions in the competitive service, in promotion of the OPM goal of an effective Federal civilian workforce.

Any employee may nominate an agency operation or program; program officials may nominate their own program or those of others. There is no structured format for the nomination; however, the justification should be specific enough to allow verification of the achievements and contributions cited. OPM FISD staff will evaluate nominations based on the value of the contribution to Federal agency programs, considering innovation, excellence, uniformity, and fairness, within the context of compliance with applicable Federal regulations and directives.

We have attached the form that is to be used for nominating agencies, components, or programs for the OPM Guardian Award. Nominations should be forwarded by **February 1, 2009**. Send or fax all nominations to OPM-FISD, Attention: Guardian Award Committee. Our address and fax number are shown on the nomination form.

I encourage your participation in this effort to recognize those agencies, organizations, and programs leading the way in finding effective, efficient, and innovative solutions to our modern Federal personnel security and suitability needs. The Director of OPM will announce the 2008 Guardian Award recipient at the Security Professionals Seminar that will be held on May 20 and 21, 2009.

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