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### **BGR Seeks Nominations of Public Employees and Citizens for 2020 Excellence in Government Awards**

Through innovation, creativity and dedication – and usually out of the limelight and with little fanfare – many public sector employees and private citizens across greater New Orleans are significantly improving the quality of government. The Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) provides an opportunity for the public to recognize these unsung heroes.

BGR is now accepting nominations for its 2020 Excellence in Government Awards honoring extraordinary state and local government employees and private citizens in the New Orleans area. Nominations will be accepted through February 14.

“BGR is proud to present the Excellence in Government Awards – a tradition of honoring extraordinary public employees and private citizens that dates back to 1994,” said Amy L. Glovinsky, BGR President and CEO. “The nomination process is critical to the success of the program, and we count on people across greater New Orleans to nominate employees of state and local agencies and citizens in the metropolitan area who facilitate efficient and effective government.”

Awards are presented in four categories:

- The ***Lifetime Achievement Award*** recognizes sustained performance over a career in public service. Nominees with a minimum of 15 years of public employment are eligible.
- The ***Merit Award*** recognizes outstanding performance by public sector employees.
- The ***Innovation Award*** recognizes employees who have used innovative solutions to address pressing problems.
- The ***Citizenship Award*** recognizes a private citizen who has worked to improve the quality of government.

BGR will honor the 2020 recipients at a luncheon in May. In addition, all public employee awards include a cash prize of \$500 to \$1,000.

Anyone can nominate a public employee or private citizen for an award. BGR accepts nominations throughout the greater New Orleans region, including Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and St. Tammany parishes.

For a copy of the nomination form with the complete rules of the award program, click [here](#).

BGR extends its thanks to Excellence in Government Awards sponsor Canal Barge Company, Inc.

The BGR Excellence in Government Awards is a biennial program. Work previously recognized includes improving the City of New Orleans' emergency preparedness and response efforts; development of a computerized analytical platform to enhance the New Orleans Police Department's compliance federal consent decree and increase its overall efficiency and transparency; recruiting and retaining new flights and airlines at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport; a citizen's effort to the end of Crescent City Connection tolls; and multiple awards recognizing efforts to fund schools, fire departments, health science research, drainage, and more. Click this link for the [full list of 2018 award winners](#).

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