Ida Ustad Award for Excellence in Acquisition

To recognize an individual Government employee whose actions demonstrate or embody the concept of "contract specialist as business leader/advisor." Sponsored by the General Services Administration. Eligible applicants must be Government employees in the Contracting Series, GS-1102. They must work for an agency subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulation and must have high ethical standards. Anyone may nominate an applicant for this award; however, the applicant's Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) must approve the nomination.

The Ida Ustad Award for Excellence is an annual award sponsored by the General Services Administration (GSA) recognizing an individual Government employee whose actions demonstrate or embody the concept of "contract specialist as business leader/advisor." The recipient of the award receives $5000. Nominations due on or about February 27, 2004.

The accomplishments for which the applicant is nominated must have taken place after February 1, 2003, but before February 1, 2004. Anyone may nominate an applicant for this award.

However, the nomination must be approved by the applicant's Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). The nomination requires the following information:

A description of the nominee's original, innovative approach to an acquisition issue.

A description of how the nominee's approach lowered prices and/or improved the quality of performance the Government receives from its contractors.

A description of how the nominee has served as a business leader/advisor, focusing on both the customer and the market and bringing the two together effectively.

A description of how the nominee demonstrated a commitment to professional development, both personally and organizationally.

A description of how the nominee's accomplishment (s) resulted in substantial small business participation or created significant subcontracting opportunities.

The anticipated selection date is TBD. The award ceremony will be held at the Federal Acquisition Conference in Washington DC; travel expenses for the award winner will be paid by GSA.

Due:	Nomination deadline varies
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