



CEO EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Employee Recognition Program (ERP) Committee hosted an awards reception on Thursday, April 30. William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, presented commendation certificates to employees nominated in three award categories: Service Excellence, Workforce Excellence, and Exceptional Teamwork.

William T Fujioka announced the award winners at the department meeting. Each nominee was evaluated on their adaptability, ability to respond to customer needs in an exemplary, timely, and courteous manner, their initiative and creative ability in developing new methods or procedures, and their ability to willingly step in and help others. All nominees typify the highest standards of the CEO and contribute significantly to the Department's mission and goals.

Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners!

Nominee – Service Excellence

Jeffrey Terry – Office of Emergency Management



Jeffrey developed and conducted an outstanding computer-based training program for the Emergency Management Information System. Jeff was able to take complex technical information and translate it into easy-to-understand instructions. He also used real world examples to emphasize training objectives thereby motivating the students to learn and develop emergency management skills. Jeff accepts challenging job assignments with enthusiasm and is committed to producing exceptional work products.

Nominee – Service Excellence

Alexander Topor – Facilities and Asset Management Bureau/Real Estate



Alex develops custom reports and modules using Microsoft Access and Excel so users may have unlimited access to leasing databases. He also trains staff on how to use the new modules. All of this is done in addition

to processing numerous eCAPS rent expense payments and documents, preparing complex accounting reports and assisting in the preparation of the Rent Budget. Alex is proficient in all major software programs and has a unique ability to develop practical applications in various computer languages.

Nominee – Workforce Excellence

James Blunt – Children and Families Well-Being Cluster/Service Integration Branch



James has an excellent understanding of the County's budget processes. His strong analytical skills make him a tremendous asset to the Cluster's budget team. As the analyst for DPSS, he has gained a keen understanding of the programs and funding process. James prepared an outstanding budget write-up that was used by the Deputy CEO as an example for other analysts. He was assigned the responsibility of estimating and preparing the County's Realignment Revenue projections.

Nominee – Workforce Excellence

Cheryl Turkal – Operations Cluster/Risk Management



Cheryl provides many departments with special assistance on return-to-work and leave management issues. She was temporarily assigned to lead a special long-term leave management project at Martin Luther King, Jr. Harbor Hospital. As a result of her diligence and the success of this effort, she was also requested to assist the Department of Health Services personnel office and the Department of Human Resources. Her strong commitment to helping DHS resulted in educating the staff on return-to-work and leave management processes. Through her efforts, many DHS employees are being returned to work from long-term absences. Cheryl has been instrumental in developing and implementing countywide standardized leave management reports, including specific plans for handling all long-term leave cases.

Nominee – Exceptional Teamwork

CEO Graphic Arts – Intergovernmental Relations

Loren Clapp, Dennell D'Ambrosio, Theresa Argonza-Gomez, Judi Siskind, Marci Donley, Carole Johnson, Jeff Redford, Janeen Marrin, Mercedes Ward, and Jesse Ayala



The Graphic Arts team plays an integral role in helping promote a positive County image. The bulk of the section's workload consists of scrolls and certificates recognizing special achievements by constituents of Los Angeles County and County employees. Graphic Arts produced 18,676 scrolls and certificates this past year. During the same period, the section designed and helped produce a Gold Ribbon award-winning exhibit

representing the County at the California State Fair. Although "rush orders" are commonplace, team members never miss a deadline and the work produced maintains a high degree of professionalism and creativity. Many of the staff attends outside workshops and conferences and they are always eager to share their experience and new knowledge with others. The same is true of discoveries when working with images on the computer. All are interested in helping the section enhance its abilities and maintain its high level of efficiency because to this team, quality matters.

AND THE AWARDS GO TO --



Jeffrey Terry – Office of Emergency Management receiving the *Service Excellence Award* from William T Fujioka



Cheryl Turkal – Operations Cluster/Risk Management Branch receiving the *Workforce Excellence Award* from William T Fujioka



CEO Graphic Arts – Intergovernmental Relations receiving the *Exceptional Teamwork Award* from William T Fujioka