

**OPM 00-50**

**DATE:** August 30, 2000

**TO:** All Appointing Authorities

**FROM:** Oscar B. Jackson, Jr., Administrator  
and Cabinet Secretary of Human Resources

**RE: Public Service Excellence Awards**

A call for applications for **Public Service Excellence Awards** has been issued by the Public Service Roundtable. This annual awards program recognizes units of public service with two or more employees on the federal, state, city, county, international, intergovernment and community service levels. Programs may be nominated either for one-time achievement or sustained achievement over the past several years. The recipients represent public service at its best.

This year, the City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department received the city-level award for its *Play in the Park Program*. The youth program demonstrates what can be achieved when a city works with public schools and community organizations. The program created a positive, varied, and exciting youth program which filled the long days of summer with fun and intellectually stimulating activities so skills were not lost, but further developed.

In 1999, the state-level award was presented to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Lexington Assessment and Reception Center for its *Inmate Apprentice Program*. This program trains inmates to become licensed mechanical and electrical contractors; boiler operators; and plumbing, mechanical and electrical apprentices and journeymen. In addition to inmates learning trades, the center stretches its maintenance and construction budget, also. This program also received a *Quality Oklahoma Team Day Governor's Commendation Award*.

Applications and additional information are available at the organization's website, [www.theroundtable.org](http://www.theroundtable.org). Grace Williams is the contact person and she may be contacted by e-mail to [gwilliams@theroundtable.org](mailto:gwilliams@theroundtable.org), telephone (202) 927-4926, or fax (202) 927-4920.

Application deadline is January 12, 2001. Awards will be presented May 7, 2001, At the Breakfast of Champions in Washington, D.C. May 7-13, 2001, is Public Service Recognition Week.

The Public Service Roundtable, founded in 1982, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of more than 30 professional organizations representing more than one million public employees and retirees.