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DATE: September 6, 2000

TO: All Appointing Authorities

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

RE: The 19th Annual National Public Service Awards

I invite you to nominate an outstanding Oklahoman for a 2001 National Public Service Award (NPSA). These awards, now in their 19th year, are sponsored jointly by the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) to recognize outstanding practitioners in public service. They were initiated to give greater recognition and support for individuals who have "made a difference" in public administration for a sustained period of time.

The 2000 winners were: Walter Broadnax, Dean, School of Public Affairs, The American University; Gloria Cousar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Vola Lawson, City Manager, City of Alexandria, Virginia; Richard Y. Stevens, County Manager, Wake County, North Carolina; and Helen H. Taylor, Associate Commissioner, Head Start Bureau, Administration on Children Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. An individual does not have to have lead an institution, but does have to have made sustained, substantial contributions as a public servant. The 2001 NPSA Screening and Selection Committee considers an individual's accomplishments rather than positions held. They also encourage including information on the nominee's community service activities conducted outside of the work environment.

Full information on the awards and the nomination process are available at either: www.aspanet.org or www.napawash.org. **Thirteen copies of the nominations are due October 13, 2000.** The awards will be presented Sunday, March 11, 2001, during ASPA's National Conference in Newark, New Jersey.

Questions may be directed to Elaine Orr, Project Coordinator for NPSA, at (202) 347-3190 or via email at: eorr@napawash.org. Please take the opportunity to help recognize the accomplishments of outstanding Oklahoma public servants by nominating someone in your agency for a 2001 National Public Service Award.