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TO: All Appointing Authorities

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

SUBJECT: 1999 NASPE Program and Leadership Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 1999 National Association of State Personnel Executives' *Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Award*. The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a state human resource organization for establishing an innovative new program or improving an existing program which has a positive impact on the administration of a state human resource program.

One program award will be presented at the 1999 NASPE Annual Meeting, August 14-18, in Columbus, Ohio. Program award recipients will receive a complimentary meeting registration.

The deadline for nominations is April 5, 1999. Nominations submitted last year may be updated and resubmitted for consideration this year. All nominations must be submitted electronically, either by E-mail or on a 3½" diskette. E-mail should be sent to: naspe@csg.org. Diskettes, supporting documents, and letters of endorsement may be mailed to:

**1999 NASPE Rooney Awards Program
Post Office Box 11910
Lexington, KY 40578-1910.**

I encourage you not to second-guess the merit of your program. In 1995, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission was awarded for its *Personnel Game*, a training tool for managers on state and federal laws. The Merit Protection Commission received an Honorable Mention in 1995 for its Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. The Office of Personnel Management and the Merit Protection Commission received the 1998 award for the Agency Self-Evaluation of Human Resource Management and Human Resource Management Plan.

A copy of the eligibility and submission requirements is enclosed. For more information about submitting nominations, please contact Lisa Anderson, NASPE Projects Coordinator, at (606) 244-8179 or E-mail her at: landerson@csg.org.

Enclosure