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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**MSPB CALLS FOR EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARDS NOMINATIONS**

Jackson, Miss. (October 11, 2016) – The Mississippi State Personnel Board is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Excellence in Government Awards. MSPB was authorized by the Mississippi Legislature to establish the Excellence in Government Awards program, and the inaugural award was given in 2012 by Governor Phil Bryant to encourage the development of innovative systems of public administration. Each year, these awards recognize “excellence and innovation in the management of administrative procedures which increase the quality of public service at the state, district and local government levels.”

A maximum of two individuals or two groups of individuals will be publicly recognized. One shall be the recipient of the Award for Excellence in State Government, and one shall be the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Local and District Government. Nominations will be received until February 1, 2017.

Previous recipients include:

2016

State: Laura Jackson, Department of Finance and Administration

Local/District: City of Horn Lake Fire Department

2015

State: Mississippi Development Authority Disaster Recovery Division

Local/District: Don Buffum, Mississippi State University

2014

State: Electronic Government Oversight Committee

Local/District: Walter W. Osborne, Jr., City of Vicksburg

2013

State: Randy Reeves, Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board

2012

State: Trudy Fisher and Terri Torrence, Department of Environmental Quality

Local/District: Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College

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