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# MEMORANDUM

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TO:            LOCAL MEMBER JURISDICTIONS and AGENCIES

FROM:        THOMAS G. TAYLOR, Executive Director

DATE:         July 7, 2004

SUBJECT:     2004 REGIONAL AWARDS

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The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission is once again seeking nominations for its Biennial Regional Service Award and Biennial Achievement Award for a Disabled Person.

Past winners of the Regional Service Award include Hugh Jones, Smyth County; Dr. E. B. Stanley, Washington County; James A. Williams, Wytheville; Senator D. Woodrow Bird, Bland County; S. J. (Red) Johnson, Galax; Marvin Perry, Smyth County; E. R. Thompson, Smyth County; Delegate Archie A. Campbell, Wythe County; Robert Ely Johnson, Wythe County; Belva Goad, Carroll County; Willard G. Stoneman, Carroll County; Edwin B. J. Whitmore, III, Marion; Senator James A. Jones, Washington County; Delegate Charles C. "Chuck" Lacy, Wytheville; Fred Frye, Smyth County; Joe Derting, Washington County; Dr. Carl Stark, Wytheville; William A. "Bill" Dennison, Bristol; Dr. William F. Snyder, Former President of Wytheville Community College; John D. Mason, Smyth County; John K. Henderson, Washington County; Joe Phipps, Abingdon; Dan Campbell, Galax; Dr. Robert Douglas Humphrey, Jr., Rural Retreat; and Senator William Wampler, Jr., Bristol.

The purpose of the **Regional Service Award** is to recognize outstanding leadership within the district that includes the counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe, and the cities of Bristol and Galax.

The award is presented to a group or individual that has exhibited outstanding leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Cooperative programs involving two or more jurisdictions in the planning district;
- A significant model project that could be adopted by other jurisdictions to save tax dollars or provide better services to citizens;
- Conservation of the area's resources;
- Promotion of orderly economic growth; or
- Service on local, regional, or inter-regional planning organizations.

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission's **Achievement Award for a Disabled Person** is in recognition of a disabled person that has become an outstanding contributing member in his or her community despite a disabling condition.

The past winners of this award are: Sandra Wassum, Smyth County; Sandra Bowman, Smyth County; Henry Everhart, Saltville; Reverend Duane Steele, Hillsville; Patricia Sheffey, Washington County; David A. Barrett, Saltville; Ruth E. Raabe, Carroll County; Steve Beam, Abingdon; Ralph Stokes, Chilhowie; Rhoda Craig, Abingdon; Dennis Houseman, Wytheville; Donald M. Chandler, Bland County; Mary Lou Ayers, Hillsville; Jean Bowman, Carroll County; Jim Meadows, Appalachian Independence Center; Roberta Cook, Wythe County; and David Coleman, Wytheville.

Enclosed are nomination forms for each of these awards. If you have individuals from your area that you feel would merit consideration for either of these awards, please fill out the appropriate form(s) and return them to our office at **1021 Terrace Drive, Marion, VA 24354** before **5:00p.m., August 19, 2004**. The awards will be presented at the Commission's fall dinner meeting, which will be held September 2, 2004 in Bristol, Virginia.

Enclosures

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