

February 18, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences/College of

Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University

Resident Directors, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Institute Directors

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Nominations for 2013-2014 Regents Fellow Service Awards

Texas A&M AgriLife Research

I am pleased to announce the 2013-2014 call for nominations for Regents Fellows. As you may recall, in 1998 the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System established the **Regents Fellow Service Awards** to "honor service, extension and research professionals who have provided exemplary professional service to society that has created large and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond." This award is specifically for agency professionals in the agricultural and engineering agencies and is analogous to the Regents Professor Awards.

Texas A&M AgriLife Research is eligible to submit <u>two</u> nominations for the Regents Fellow Service Award. The criteria and guidelines for this award category may be accessed on the Texas A&M AgriLife Awards website at http://agrilifeawards.tamu.edu/.

Eligibility Requirements

• Candidate must be a full-time senior level researcher or service delivery professional (*no less than 50% agency appointment*) with a minimum of five (5) consecutive years within the A&M System.

Please note that individuals who have received the Regents Professor Award are ineligible. Individuals who hold joint appointments are eligible for this award. However, in determining the merits of their nomination, please recognize that the intent of this award is to honor research professionals within Texas A&M AgriLife Research who have provided exemplary professional service as stated in the following criteria.

Selection Criteria (includes, but not limited to, the following):

- · Distinguished record of research and/or service accomplishments to the people of Texas;
- Demonstrated a sincere commitment to Texas A&M AgriLife Research and within the A&M System;
- · Creative ability and adherence to scientific philosophy and scholarly principles;

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- Exceptional contributions to knowledge base and/or development of scholarly principles that have resulted in published research, inventions, processes or methods that are everlasting contributions to science and humankind:
- Outstanding, creative ability to conduct and deliver educational, research, extension and/or service programs that result in an enriched environment, enhanced economic returns, or a higher standard of living and/or quality of life; and
- Recognition by professionals within nominee's field or scientific community as evidenced through honors and awards, participation on state/national or international committees, panels or commissions; and
- · Documented recognition by external stakeholders, clients and/or constituents.

Your department/research unit is encouraged to nominate individuals whom you regard as qualified for this prestigious award by submitting the attached pre-nomination form (provided in Word and PDF files; limited to no more than 5 pages), plus a brief resume or vitae. Please submit your nomination material electronically to Toni Beamon at t-beamon@tamu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7.

Based on this information, an anonymous committee including Department Heads, Resident Directors, Regents Fellow, and a Texas A&M AgriLife Research administrator will review the nominations and present its recommendations to me. My office will work with the final nominee(s) to request additional information in submitting a final award portfolio to the Chancellor's Office by the stated deadline.

If you should have any questions regarding this award program, please feel free to contact me or Toni Beamon at 979-847-9066.

Craig Nessler Director

Attachments (3)

xc: Vice Chancellor's Executive Committee
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Toni Beamon

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