

4th Quarter FY 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: All ITA Employees

FROM: Michelle O'Neill
Acting Under Secretary for International Trade

SUBJECT: 4th Quarter Quarterly Star Awards

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of the 4th Quarter FY2009 Quarterly Star Awards. The Quarterly Star awards are given to employees and teams who have made significant contributions to ITA programs and have demonstrated exceptional and sustained effort toward the accomplishment of ITA's mission. Employees can be nominated by anyone for any of the five award categories – administrative support professional; program professional; supervisor/manager; customer service; and group. Please join me in congratulating the winners.

Administrative Support Professional Award

Constance Green, CS Chicago, TP&FCS

For outstanding operations support on key programs vital to trade specialists.

Ms. Green was nominated by Julie Carducci

Emma Payne, MAC

For her outstanding administrative performance and dedication to improving the MAC travel process.

Ms. Payne was nominated by Lynn Costa

Program Professional Award

Tyler Weinhold, IA

For his outstanding and tireless efforts to bring to completion the revisions and re-writing of Import Administration's "Dumping Manual."

Mr. Weinhold was nominated by Robert M. James

Jamie Ferman, MAS

For her work in organizing and effectively managing an extremely successful and well regarded APEC toy safety seminar in Singapore.

Ms. Ferman was nominated by James Rice

Supervisor/Manager/Team Leader

No selection

Customer Service Award

Kelli Walters, CFO/Admin

For her outstanding efforts to prepare ITA for the renovation of the Herbert C. Hoover Building.

Ms. Walters was nominated by Curtis Oja

Diana Lee Harkness, MAC

For her unparalleled customer service to the DAS unit and to internal and external customers.

Ms. Harkness was nominated by Edward Dunn

Group Award

Section 421 China Team, MAS & IA

Christopher Blaha

Kelly Parkhill

Paul Morris

For outstanding leadership and teamwork in conducting ITA's work on the Section 421 China-specific safeguard case on tires.

The team was nominated by Carole Showers, Jean Janicke, and Jane Corwin

3rd Quarter FY 2009

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Acting Under Secretary for International Trade

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Administrative Support Professional Award

Sandra Hernandez, CS San Salvador, TP&FCS

For her outstanding support for the creation of the new Market Access and Compliance office in San Salvador and excelling in her Commercial Service goals.

Ms. Hernandez was nominated by Jennifer Gothard

Program Professional Award

Myrna S. Lobo, IA

For outstanding work preparing the final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel pipe from Korea.

Ms. Lobo was nominated by Dana S. Mermelstein

John Scott Mathews, MAS

For outstanding work to represent U.S. interests in International Privacy Framework negotiations.

Mr. Mathews was nominated by Krysten Jenci

Supervisor/Manager/Team Leader

Carmela Mammias, New York USEAC, TP&FCS

For outstanding work helping American Exporters and Business Interests avoid international copyright piracy, intellectual property theft, and foreign corporate espionage.

Ms. Mammas was nominated by James M. Cox

Anne S. Evans, Middletown USEAC, TP&FCS

For outstanding work promoting U.S. exporters in their development of sales opportunities to NATO.

Ms. Evans was nominated by James M. Cox

Customer Service Award

Tina Agoo, CFO/Admin

For her outstanding customer service and support to improve ITA by implementing the On-The-Spot Award program, a new tool for supervisors to recognize employees for excellent performance.

Ms. Agoo was nominated by Ruben Pedroza

Group Award

Minority Outreach Group, MAC, IA, & TP&FCS

Shawn Ricks

April Redmon

Nicole DeSilvis

Leandro Solorzano

Tony Ceballos

Daniel Rodriguez

Michael Rosales

Jose Burgos

For developing a new minority trade outreach program entitled Competing in the 21st Century: Navigating the Global Marketplace.

The team was nominated by Alysia Wilson

2nd Quarter FY 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: All ITA Employees

FROM: Michelle O'Neill
Acting Under Secretary
for International Trade

SUBJECT: 2nd Quarter Quarterly Star Awards

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Administrative Support Professional Award

No nominations

Program Professional Award

Matthew Quigley, TP&FCS

For extraordinary service to U.S. exporters through his management of the www.export.gov/china website.

Mr. Quigley was nominated by Barbara Lapini

Lavonne Clark, IA

For her role in examining and verifying foreign steel producers in conjunction with ITA's Suspension Agreements on Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

Ms. Lavonne was nominated by Angela Strom

Supervisor/Manager/Team Leader

Volker Wirsdorf, CS Frankfurt, TP&FCS

For his outstanding achievement in the successful management of the CS Frankfurt post during the 13-month gap between Principal Commercial Officers.

Mr. Wirsdorf was nominated by George Ruffner

Customer Service Award

Gary Stanley, MAS

For his outstanding customer service and his work and leadership in support of a U.S. Department of Commerce-certified International Buyers Program event.

Mr. Stanley was nominated by David Cammarota

Group Award

SIMA Group, IA & OCIO

Leticia Dooley

Bhargav Desai

Jason Evans

Whitney Bainer

Jill Buckles

Tomeka Wray

For their extraordinary attention to detail and customer service during the transition to a new computer system for steel license applications.

The team was nominated by Julie Al-Saadawi

International Buyer Program Group, TP&FCS & MAS

Scott Bozek

John Harris

Juanita Harthun

Adrian Orta

Shelby Peterson

Eugene Quinn

For their extraordinary team efforts in collaboration, organization, customer service excellence and work in the continued improvement of the International Buyer Program.

The team was nominated by Blanche Ziv

1ST Quarter FY 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: All ITA Employees

FROM: Michelle O'Neill /s/
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce
for International Trade

SUBJECT: 1st Quarter Quarterly Star Awards

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Administrative Support Professional Award

Luz Betancur, CS Ottawa, TP&FCS

For her exceptional and sustained efforts to advance our ITA mission goals in Canada.

Ms. Betancur was nominated by Stephan Wasylo

Program Professional Award

Elizabeth Teague, MAS

For her outstanding work as the lead Commerce analyst revising the existing list of imported products subject to retaliatory tariffs in association with the EU Beef Hormones WTO dispute.

Ms. Teague was nominated by Matthew Howard

Graciela Ezcurra, CS Buenos Aires, TP&FCS

For outstanding management as the CS lead on the Client Tracking System deployment, ensuring ITA staff was effectively trained which enables a superior service for our external customers.

Ms. Ezcurra was nominated by Brian Brisson

Supervisor/Manager/Team Leader

Krysten Jenci, MAS

For outstanding management of international trade policy privacy issues that strengthen U.S. industry and promote global trade.

Ms. Jenci was nominated by Robin Layton

Customer Service Award

Fay Finver, TP&FCS

For her outstanding customer service skills, her subject matter expertise, and her dedicated and exemplary work ethic in stewarding the Commercial Service's WebTA program.

Ms. Finver was nominated by William Zarit

Group Award

CS Beijing Group, TP&FCS

Alain de Sarran
Elizabeth Shieh
Gedlom Tesfazion
Daniel Thoren

For their extraordinary dedication and effectiveness in ensuring the continued operation of the commercial section in Beijing during its move to a new embassy.

The team was nominated by Patrick Santillo

China Subsidies Group, IA

Amanda Douglas
Callie Conroy
Supriya Kumar
Katharine Huang

For their outstanding work in identifying and analyzing hundreds of new WTO inconsistent Chinese subsidies, leading to the filing of a WTO complaint to end these trade-distorting practices.

The team was nominated by Christopher Cassel