



2003

Innovation in State Government Awards

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Labor & Industries Auditorium

Presented by the Productivity Board

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Putting Ideas to Work

Since its inception 21 years ago, the Productivity Board has saved Washington State taxpayers more than \$46 million in first-year savings with subsequent savings over 20 years. To date, more than 22,000 frontline employees have improved government through the Productivity Board.

This unique program allows employees to submit money-saving ideas directly to the Productivity Board through either the Employee Suggestion Program or the Teamwork Incentive Program.

The Employee Suggestion Program rewards individuals for submitting original ideas that save the state money, generate revenue, and improve services within state government.

First-year savings since 1982 -- \$28 million

The Teamwork Incentive Program encourages groups of employees to create innovative solutions to improve use of team and resources and streamlined processes.

First-year savings since 1982 -- \$19 million

Teamwork Incentive Program

Automated Translation Improvement Project

Department of Social & Health Services - Savings \$403,512

Judy Avramis
Linda Barret
John Culhane
Hungling Fu
Bonnie Jacques
Kathy Johnasen
Kae Lytle
Judy Maginnis
Danny Mason
Virginia Paynter
Jason Reed
Jim Ruiz
Mary Trotter

File Copy Reduction Project

Department of Social & Health Services - Estimated Savings \$18,773

Michelle David
Dawn Delong
Richard Libbey
Brian List
Deborah McEldery
Rhonda Opaka
Solveig Tripp

Honorable Mention

The following employees are recognized for making Washington government more efficient:

Rick Arland	Department of Corrections
Claudia August	Department of Social & Health Services
Jeremy Beckley	Washington State Patrol
Cindy Brown	Department of Social & Health Services
Charlie Cola	Department of Transportation
Marvin Cox	Department of Transportation
Christa Feuchter	Employment Security Department
John Frost	Department of Fish & Wildlife
Michael Gunter	Department of Transportation
Cheri Guthrie	Department of Social & Health Services
Niel Harper	Department of Social & Health Services
Kent Hernandez	Washington State Patrol
Daniel Hults	Department of Social & Health Services
Laurie James	Department of Health
Sharon Kent	Department of Licensing
Sharon Knott	Department of Social & Health Services
Margie Lewis	Department of Labor & Industries
Jeri Miller	Department of Social & Health Services
Carol Peters	Department of Social & Health Services
Tari Romo	Department of Social & Health Services
Shannah Rongen	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Doug Rushton	Department of Ecology
Kenneth Schave	Department of Transportation
Leland Tangen	Washington State Patrol
Patti Vigoren	Department of Social & Health Services
Randolph Walker	Department of Corrections

Program

Prelude

- Tumwater High School Choir

Master of Ceremonies

- State Auditor Brian Sonntag

Opening Remarks

- Attorney General Christine Gregoire

Presentation of Awards

- Secretary of State Sam Reed
- Elected Officials and Productivity Board Members

Employee Suggestion Awards

- Outstanding Evaluators (Selected by participating employing agency.)
- Most Innovative Ideas (Selected by participating employing agency.)
- Top Suggestions

Agency Awards

- Top Savings
- Public Service Awards

Coordinator of the Year

Teamwork Incentive Program Awards

Reception Following

Outstanding Evaluators

Selected by the participating employing agency.

Cheryl Hainje and Millie Lund

Selected by the Office of Financial Management

Georgiann DeKay

Selected by Department of Social & Health Services

Cynthia Tremblay and James Walter

Selected by the Department of Transportation

Innovative Suggestions

Selected by the participating employing agency.

Bridget Buntin, Cathee Gottfryd, Jessica Iyall

Sharon Matthews and Dawn Warren

Selected by the Gambling Commission

Anita Speir

Selected by the Department of Social & Health Services

Dean Hills and Charlie Jensen

Selected by the Department of Transportation

Top Suggestions

Wilhelmina Boxhoorn

Washington State Patrol

\$3,657

Thomas Norris

Department of Transportation

\$6,868

Wendell Prins

Washington State Patrol

\$7,104

Deanna Morgan

Department of Health

\$13,355

Jerry Lowery

Department of Transportation

\$13,975

Solveig Tripp

Department of Social & Health Services

\$154,850

Agency Awards

Highest Savings

Department of Social & Health Services

\$577,135

Public Service Awards

Department of Social & Health Services

Department of Transportation

Coordinator of the Year

To Be Announced