



American Society of Military Comptrollers Southside Virginia Chapter

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Southside Virginia Achievement Awards

The Southside Virginia Chapter introduces Achievement Awards. Awards are presented annually to individuals and teams who have been nominated for outstanding accomplishment within one of the functional fields of financial management.

Award Criteria

- Any military or civilian person currently employed by the federal government in a functional field of financial management may be nominated or submit a nomination. Individual contractors may be nominated for in the individual category of Contractor Support
- Nominations should strive to include the most relevant quantitative and qualitative information possible focusing upon the results achieved by the accomplishments. If an individual is nominated in more than one category, prepare a separate entry for each category
- No individual or team will be permitted to be a repeat winner in the same category within a five-year time period.

Award Selection Procedures

A selection panel, chaired by the Southside Virginia Committee, will review all applications received and make final recommendations to the SSVA ASMC President, who will approve final winner for each submitted category. Selection panel will include not less than two members representing a cross section of SSVA ASMC Membership. Judging will be based and weighted on performance as evidenced by documentation of impact, complexity, leadership, and/or resource savings. Financial systems will be judged on innovation, impact and scalability. Selection will be based on criteria outlined above. The number of awards presented in achievement award categories will be dependent upon the number of submissions and quality of the nominations. There is a limit of one winner per category from the same office in the current year. Category winners will be notified by e-mail in Feb 2024.

Recognition

SSVA ASMC Chapter will select one winner per submitted category. Additionally, SSVA ASMC Chapter will submit winner's application to the National Awards Committee. The recipient may be recognized and/or publicized at the annual ASMC National Professional Development Institute (PDI), SSVA meetings, in newsletters, and in the Armed Forces Comptroller.

Submission Requirements

Applications must be submitted to: asmcsouthsideva2@gmail.com by 31 Dec 2023. All required documents must be included in the email at the time of submission. If any of the requirements are not met, package will not be considered or returned.



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Submission Deadline

Submission deadline: 31 December 2023

Award Categories

Accounting

Responsibilities include planning and directing the accounting operation to best serve management's needs, including the development and presentation of information in support of management decision-making; development of accounting policies and procedures, interpretation and application of accounting principles and standards; financial reporting, including preparation and presentation of the basic financial statements, related notes and disclosures, management's discussion and analysis, and required supplementary information; ensuring the integrity of financial and accounting information; audit readiness including internal controls over financial reporting, communication with auditors, planning for and responding to "provided by client" (PBC) items, internal testing of transactions, preparation of internal control assurance statements, and working audit findings and recommendations; valuation of property, plant, and equipment (PPE); considerations regarding materiality, review and analysis of accounting transactions, information and trends, analysis and resolution of problem disbursements.; and aiding in the design, development and inspection of accounting system.

Acquisition/Cost Analysis

Responsibilities include acquisition program decision support, project management, economic analysis, management analysis, business case analysis, and cost/benefit analysis. It also includes special studies, cost modeling, and parametric cost modeling, as well as involvement in driving cost management culture and program or operational cost savings.

Auditing

Responsibilities involve the planning and conduct of financial statement audits, performance audits, and attestation engagements and also the preparation and presentation of associated reports - all in accordance with government auditing standards. Financial statement audits include all the activities associated with providing an opinion as to whether an organization's financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Performance audits include review of the efficiency and effectiveness of resource utilization and the extent to which desired program or operating results and benefits are being achieved. Auditing includes the determination and presentation of audit findings and recommendations (as well as their documentation and support) and estimation of savings that can be generated from the implementation of audit recommendations.



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Budgeting

Responsibilities include planning, managing, or involvement in formulation, submission, justification, and execution of organization budgets. It also includes development of estimates, preparation of reports (e.g., SF 132 and SF 133) and special schedules, development and management of unfinanced requirements, internal controls over the integrity of obligations, and all other areas of compliance with OMB Circular A-11 requirements associated with the budgeting function. Key functions also include review and analysis of the relationships between resources and the organization's mission and functions, such as analyzing accounting reports, researching program activities, executing briefings on programs, reviewing financial plans, conducting analysis of alternative uses of funds, and other activities in support of management decision-making.

Contractor Support

This category recognizes the value provided in contractor support to a government organization. The nominee must have worked for the government organization for a minimum of one calendar year and made significant contributions to one or more of the fields of FM.

Intern/Trainee

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have been in a trainee program for a minimum of six months of the awards calendar year and who have significantly contributed in one of the fields of financial management.

Finance

Responsibilities at various levels include managing, controlling, review and analysis of military and civilian pay, military retired pay, commercial pay, travel pay, disbursing, call center, and other associated financial operations and services in peacetime, wartime, and contingency operations. It also includes development of financial management policy and procedures associated with these operations and maintenance of internal controls to manage financial services and analysis operations, as well as performance of audit readiness functions relative to finance services operations.

Financial Systems/Digital Transformation

Responsibilities include the integration, modernization, development, implementation, and reliability of a financial system. Recognition of groundbreaking or technology driven solutions (e.g. AI, RPA, ML, blockchain) or applications. This may include the development of user-friendly interfaces and accessibility features. Explain the usage of the system and how it supports decision making in the organization.

Resource Management

This category recognizes outstanding performance by an individual who works in financial management; for example, planning, programming, cost management, cyber security and execution of FM related programs or projects involving superior contributions to resource management that do not fit into the other categories.



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Team Achievement – Small and Large

This award is for outstanding team performance and recognizes teams whose accomplishments, adoption of study results or outcome of savings, aid in the advancement of the profession of federal government financial management. A team is defined as between two and twenty individuals, brought together temporarily to perform a specific task outside of normal functions, operations or organization. Teams will compete as a small team (2 to 10) or a large team (11 to 20). Contract personnel may be listed as members, but the team must be primarily government employees.

Team Achievement – Financial Systems /Digital Transformation

This award is for outstanding team performance in the integration, modernization, development, implementation, and reliability of a financial system. Recognition of groundbreaking or innovative approach in developing the financial system or implementing data analytic or technology driven solutions (e.g. AI, RPA, ML, blockchain) to include the development of user-friendly interfaces and accessibility features. Recognition of the scalability and adaptability to different organizations should be included. This category focuses on data scientists, data analysts, business analysts and financial managers. Team consists of no more than 20 individuals.