

**THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY**

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Q: *There is a team in my department that has done outstanding work on a project. How can we reward them?*

A: *Recognize and reward outstanding achievement by nominating the team for the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity!*

Go to www.pds.mo.gov/erp to get your nomination form!

The Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity (GAQP) is one of the highest honors state employees may receive. The GAQP is an annual award given to teams of state employees to recognize service excellence, encourage efficiency, reward innovation, and reinforce pride in public service to Missouri State government. The award is designed to acknowledge and express appreciation for outstanding accomplishments that do not fall entirely within the scope of normal duties, but are in the nature of a major contribution in one of the following areas:

- Better use of resources
- Exemplary customer service
- Teamwork
- Process Improvement
- Diversity
- Innovation

Each year, the state of Missouri is honored to have many teams nominated for this prestigious award. Last year, 81 teams throughout the state were honored by their departments by being nominated for the award. Nine teams received final approval from the Governor for the GAQP and were honored in a ceremony at the Capitol hosted by the Governor and the Commissioner of the Office of Administration.

Any Missouri state employee, manager, supervisor, or legislator may nominate a team for the GAQP. Nominations must be reviewed by the department coordinator and approved by the department director/elected official before the selection committee will evaluate the nomination.

Nominations for this year's GAQP are due April 30, 2004.

Planning and Development, within the Division of Personnel, administers the GAQP for all state departments and elected officials. If you have any questions, please contact the statewide coordinator, Julie Brown at 751-7206, or your department coordinator.

To find your department coordinator, go to www.pds.mo.gov/erp.

Solutions will be proud to announce the teams honored by the Governor this year in future issues.

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