

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

“National Anthem” Acapella Singing Challenge

The **2016 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity (GAQP)** is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016 in the Capitol Rotunda.**

This prestigious program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the *Presentation of Colors* and singing of the *National Anthem* by one lucky and talented individual, or group of no more than three individuals (two to three-part harmony).

To be considered to sing the *National Anthem* for the GAQP program, please follow the guidelines below to submit an audition:

1. All contestants must be Missouri state government employees.
2. All auditions must be recorded without background instrumentation (acapella) and saved in **mp3 format**, no exceptions.
3. Each audition must consist of an individual employee, or a group of employees consisting of no more than 3 people (two to three-part harmony) singing the first part of the National Anthem as follows:

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

4. Auditions (recorded on mp3 format) must be submitted to the contestant's **GAQP Agency Coordinator** via email on or before **August 26, 2016.**

Do not forget to provide your name, and the names of individuals with whom you are singing (if applicable).

Please enter in the subject line: **2016 GAQP National Anthem Audition.**

5. To record an audition, use any recording software that will convert or save to mp3.

If any contestant does not have recording software, free software that is easy to use and safe to download to a personal, home computer or laptop is available through the Internet. **Do not attempt to download recording software to any State computer.**

Two of the easiest web-based recording software programs are **Audacity:** [Download Audacity](#) OR **Softonic:** [Download Softonic](#).

Only one winner or one group of up to three will be chosen.
Thank you for your interest in being part of the 2016 GAQP program.

Good luck!