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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The State Employee Suggestion Board will be hosting its Annual Awards Ceremony for the Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol in Madison.

The Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program is a way for State and University of Wisconsin System employees to be recognized and rewarded for their ideas which save money, improve services to customers, and enhance the efficiency of state government operations.

Each year, the Board selects award-winners in four categories to receive special honors in addition to regular Board awards. The following awards will be given:

Individual Suggester of the Year: **Daniel Johnson** of the Department of Administration will be recognized for saving more than \$18,000 by performing aircraft altimeter/transponder certification and repairs every two years, resulting in reduced aircraft downtime.

Group Suggestion of the Year: **Dorothy Frankey and Laurie Terwilliger** of the Department of Transportation will be recognized for their suggestion to eliminate paying extra postage for

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a service which the U.S. Post Office now provides at the lower rate. This suggestion saved more than \$47,000.

Agency Coordinator of the Year: Linda Heisler of the Department of Health & Family Services (DHFS) will be recognized for her efforts to revitalize the employee suggestion program at DHFS.

Agency of the Year: Department of Transportation (Terrence Mulcahy, Secretary).

For further information, contact the statewide program coordinator, Robert Toomey, at the Department of Employment Relations, by telephone (608) 266-0664, e-mail Robert.Toomey@der.state.wi.us, or fax (608) 267-1006, or check the Wisconsin Employee Suggestion Program's Web site at <http://SUGGEST.state.wi.us>.

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