

Team DOE,

I hope you will join me in offering congratulations to the recipients of this year's Secretary's Honor Awards. The Secretary's Honor Awards are given every year to individuals and teams whose service has gone above and beyond with contributions having lasting impacts on both the Department and the Nation. These awards are among the highest forms of internal, non-monetary recognition DOE Federal and contractor employees can receive.

This year, 60 Honor Awards are being given, including 11 individuals receiving the Secretary of Energy Excellence Award and 49 teams receiving the Secretary of Energy Achievement Award.

I encourage you to support your colleagues' incredible accomplishments by attending the upcoming award ceremony on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Forrestal cafeteria and simulcast online.

Along with the entire DOE leadership team, I am so proud of the accomplishments of our award recipients. Their commitment to DOE's mission is an inspiration.

Chris Wright

Secretary of Energy

Secretary's Honor Award Recipients

Secretary of Energy Excellence Award Recipients:

Secretary and Deputy Secretary (S1/S2) Portfolio

- Rebecca J. Michael, Office of the Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Kelly A. Ebert, Office of Environmental Management
- Robert "Mat" Irwin, Office of Environmental Management
- Edward J. Le Duc, Office of the General Counsel
- Jennifer R. Mahalingappa, Office of the General Counsel
- Reesha K. Trznadel, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- Richard J. Allison, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence

Office of the Under Secretary of Energy (S3) Portfolio

- Robert E. Hawkins, Bonneville Power Administration
- Dr. Peter T. Williams, Bonneville Power Administration
- Hernan T. Cortes, Office of Energy Dominance Financing
- Amy R. Sweeney, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office

Secretary of Energy Achievement Award Recipients (nominating office noted):

Secretary and Deputy Secretary (S1/S2) Portfolios

- Contract Transition Team, Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Payment Integrity Team, Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Payroll Team, Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Building Technologies Office – Appliance Standards Team, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- Critical Minerals and Materials Accelerator Team, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- Federal Energy Management Program Energy Performance Contracting Team, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- Integrated Energy Systems Office Team, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- Manufacturing Deployment Office – Critical Minerals Team, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation
- OREM and PPPO Reindustrialization Team, Office of Environmental Management
- Hanford Site Waste Treatment and Immobilization Integrated Project Team, Office of Environmental Management
- Savannah River Mission Completion Drone Team, Office of Environmental Management
- Savannah River Site Waste Tank Closure Team, Office of Environmental Management
- Natural Gas Export Authorization Team, Office of the General Counsel
- Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act Team, Office of the General Counsel
- Deferred Resignation Program Implementation Team, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- Human Capital Team, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- Presidential Transition Team, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- Workday Deployment Team, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
- The Joulux Team, Office of the Chief Information Officer
- Energy Security Division – Critical Minerals Team, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence
- Contract Review Program, Office of Management

Office of the Under Secretary of Energy (S3) Portfolio

- The Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy Team, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office
- BPA Real-Time Study Team, Bonneville Power Administration
- Center for Microwave Chemistry, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office
- Natural Critical Minerals & Materials Prospectus for Unconventional Feedstocks Team, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office
- Wellbore Exploration of Location Logistics System Team, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office
- Advanced Test Reactor Restoration Team, Office of Nuclear Energy
- DOE-NNSA High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) Recovery and Allocation Team, Office of Nuclear Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration
- Gen III+ Small Modular Reactor Project Team, Office of Nuclear Energy

- Reactor and Fuel Line Pilot Program Implementation Team, Office of Nuclear Energy

Office of the Under Secretary for Science (S4) Portfolio

- Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) Discovery and Innovation Team at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Office of the Under Secretary for Science
- The Genesis Mission Team, Office of the Under Secretary for Science
- Argonne National Laboratory Advanced Photon Source Upgrade Project Team, Office of Science
- Fusion Innovation Research Engine Collaborative Team, Office of Science
- Isotopically Enriched Germane and Silane Production/Purification Team, Office of Science
- SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and the Office of Science to the NSF-DOE Vera C. Rubin Observatory First Look Team, Office of Science

Office of the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security (S5) and National Nuclear Security Administration

- B61-13 Modernization Program Team, Office of Defense Programs
- Electrorefining Process Team, Office of Defense Programs
- Office of Secure Transportation, Office of Defense Programs
- Production Supply Chain Disruption Mitigation Team, Office of Defense Programs
- IVG.1M Reactor Highly Enriched Uranium Removal Team, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Japan High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) Removal Team, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 123 Agreement Team, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Venezuela Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Removal Team, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
- OneNNSAccess Team, Office of Defense Nuclear Security
- Nuclear Emergency Support Team, Office of Counter-Terrorism & Counter-Proliferation
- National Criticality Experiments Research Center Team, Office of Environment, Safety & Health
- First Production Unit for Additively Manufactured W80-4 Component Creeper/Crawler Team, Livermore Field Office
- Stockpile Survivability Experimental Integration Team, Livermore Field Office