

Society of American Military Engineers Cumming Plaque (CUMMING)



The CUMMING Plaque is named in honor of former Surgeon General Dr. Hugh S. Cumming of the U.S. Public Health Service, who served as Surgeon General from 1920-1936. It was first awarded in the year 2000. Nomination for the Society of American Military Engineers CUMMING Plaque is an excellent way to recognize the exemplary work of USPHS units performing public health engineering and science. This plaque is presented annually to one unit by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).



DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2010

PURPOSE: To recognize outstanding contributions to public health engineering and science in consonance with the Society of American Military Engineers mission, vision and values.

ELIGIBILITY: Any USPHS Operating Division (OPDIV), section, unit, or work group carrying out public health engineering activities are eligible for the CUMMING Plaque.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Anyone can nominate an eligible unit to be considered by the OPDIV (or equivalent). Each OPDIV (or equivalent) may forward one nominee.

1. One electronic copy of the following documents are required:
 - a. Cover sheet (signed).
 - b. Narrative description of service or achievement which merits special honor upon which the nomination is based, not to exceed two single spaced typed pages (12 font), addressing:
 - i. The specific role the nominees played in the accomplishments noted;
 - ii. The scope and/or the complexity of the achievement;
 - iii. Evidence of exemplary project management or program administration;
 - iv. Level of initiative and innovation; and
 - v. The public health outcome and impact of the accomplishments noted.
2. Nominations shall be endorsed and approved by the head of the agency (or equivalent) or his/her designee.
3. The OPDIVs (or equivalents) shall forward the nomination(s) to the Chair, EPAC Awards Subcommittee. The EPAC Awards Subcommittee will review and rank the nominations.
4. The EPAC Awards Subcommittee may choose to recommend that no award be given if the accomplishments and achievements of the nomination(s) are not commensurate with previous award winners.
5. The Chief Engineer shall select the nominee ranked highest by the EPAC Awards Subcommittee, or return with comments all nominations to the EPAC Awards Subcommittee for reconsideration.
6. Upon final selection, the Chief Engineer will notify the SAME of the nominee selected for receipt of the CUMMING Plaque. The notification will be made a minimum of two months prior to the presentation of the Award.

DEADLINE: Nominations for the CUMMING Plaque are to be submitted on or before **February 15**.

FORM OF AWARD: Plaque.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The CUMMING Plaque nominees will be evaluated based on outstanding contribution in public health engineering and science.

Criteria 1: Project Scope and/or Complexity **30 Points**
\$ Time critical nature of the project
\$ Nationwide scope
\$ National applicability
\$ Project cost

Criteria 2: Initiative, Innovation and Creativity **20 Points**
\$ Addresses emerging public health issues
\$ Technology advancement
\$ Interagency Collaboration

Criteria 3: Project Management/Program Management **20 Points**
\$ Fiscal Responsibility
\$ Project completion ahead of schedule
\$ Strategic planning
\$ Involves the end user(s) as a partner
\$ Highly effective teamwork

Criteria 4: Outcome and Impact **30 Points**
\$ Public health significance
\$ Population affected
\$ Improved processes or policy
\$ Improved quality of life
\$ Cost savings

PAST AWARD WINNERS: Visit <http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4158>



**U.S. Public Health Service Engineering Achievement Award Nomination
for the
Society of American Military Engineers CUMMING Plaque**

Date: _____

Nominee (group/team): _____

(attach page listing individual members of group/team; include ranks and/or titles as appropriate; note any mailing addresses that differ from group's duty station address listed below)

Duty Station & Mailing Address:

Citation:

Nominator (Printed Name): _____

Nominator (Signature): _____

Nominator (Telephone): _(____)_____

Endorsement/Approval (Printed Name): _____
(Agency/OPDIV head or equivalent, or designee)

Endorsement/Approval (Signature): _____

Narrative: Attach narrative description of service or achievement which merits special honor upon which the nomination is based. *Do not exceed two single spaced typed pages (12 font).* The description should show:

- a. The specific role the nominee played in the accomplishments noted;
- b. The scope and/or complexity of the achievement;
- c. Evidence of exemplary project management or program administration;
- d. Level of initiative and innovation; and
- e. The public health outcome and impact of the accomplishments noted