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ASAE & The Center Honor Six Exemplary Associations with 2007 Summit Award

WASHINGTON, DC— Six associations have been selected by ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership's Associations Advance America (AAA) Committee to receive the Summit Award – ASAE's highest honor for associations that implement innovative community-based programs. The Summit Awards will be presented at the 8th Annual Summit Awards Dinner, September 25 at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

Part of the AAA Awards Program, the Summit Award symbolizes the very best efforts engineered by associations across the country in areas like public education/information, economic development, business and social innovation, skills training/development and civic and volunteer activities. The six Summit Award recipients for 2007 were selected from a field of 46 Award of Excellence winners from three earlier AAA judging rounds this year.

“On behalf of the AAA Committee, I extend my sincere congratulations to this year's winners. The Summit Award has come to represent the very best efforts of associations to support not only their industries and professions but also society at large. There were so many notable programs considered for top honors, and all are equally deserving of our thanks and appreciation for the positive light they shine on America's association community,” said Charles A. McGrath, CAE, vice president and general manager of Bostrom Corporation and chairman of the AAA Committee.

ASAE & The Center's Summit Awards Dinner will bring together association executives, government officials, and business and community leaders for an evening to celebrate the value of associations and their impact on society. For more information about attending the Summit Awards Dinner, contact Carla Lochiatto, 202-626-2807 or email clochiatto@asaenet.org.

“ASAE & The Center look forward to honoring these outstanding organizations for their vision and dedication to advancing society,” said ASAE President & CEO John H. Graham IV, CAE. “It's imperative that we celebrate these remarkable achievements and do everything possible to educate Congress, the media and other key audiences on the impact of associations on every-day life.”

This year's winners are:

American Farm Bureau Federation

Washington, DC

Program: *Harvest for All*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Rockville, MD

Program: *Early Hearing Detection & Intervention*

American Anthropological Association

Arlington, VA

Program: *RACE Are We So Different? Public Education Program*

Amachi Texas

Arlington, TX

Program: *One-to-One Mentoring to Children of Prisoners*

Soroptimist International of the Americas

Philadelphia, PA

Program: *Women's Opportunity Award*

National Lieutenant Governors Association

Florence, KY

Program: *Ending Cervical Cancer in our Lifetime*