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**NAWDP 2007  
AWARDS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION**

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**THE 17TH ANNUAL AWARDS**

will be presented to outstanding workforce leaders at NAWDP’s annual conference, held next May in the wild west; Reno, Nevada. These awards are presented each year to individual professionals who exhibit exceptional leadership qualities in one of the following four areas.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

This award recognizes individuals who have been instrumental in designing and implementing professional development initiatives that enhance the knowledge, skills and competencies of workforce development professionals. Nominees may be involved in curriculum development, professional credentialing, staff training, staff evaluation, incentives, needs assessment and/or related areas.

**SAR LEVITAN ADVANCING THE RESEARCH AGENDA AWARD**

This award recognizes individuals whose work has enhanced workforce practices and professional standards through research and evaluation. Nominees may be engaged in the design and conduct of research and evaluation, serve as a catalyst of research and evaluation, or have made significant contributions through dissemination or use of research and evaluation.

**JODI SPIEGEL ENHANCEMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD**

This award recognizes individuals who directly affect the customers of the workforce development system through enhanced assessment strategies, customer focused procedures, case management systems, and related services. Nominees are front-line workforce professionals working directly with jobseekers or employers.

**THOMAS AHLERS SYSTEM BUILDING AWARD**

This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession through the development or enhancement of workforce systems, or the building of strategic alliances and partnerships. Nominees may work at any level of the workforce system, whether board or partner, management, support personnel, or front-line worker, to put together resources for high quality, measurable and effective services.

# 2007 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for submitting nominations is January 31, 2007.

NOMINEE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATOR'S NAWDP MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

## AWARD CATEGORY (check one)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SAR LEVITAN ADVANCING THE RESEARCH AGENDA

JODI SPIEGEL ENHANCEMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

THOMAS AHLERS SYSTEM BUILDING



SEND NOMINATIONS TO:  
NAWDP  
ATTN: AWARDS  
810 FIRST STREET NE, STE 525,  
WASHINGTON DC 20002-4227



## PROSPECTING INSTRUCTIONS

All awards are based on significant individual achievement. Please provide thorough and detailed information to the following questions. Additional supporting documentation is welcomed if it can be easily copied for dissemination to the Awards Committee.

### SECTION I: INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT (30 Points — respond to appropriate award category — descriptions are listed below)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD** — describe how and to what extent the nominee's individual contribution has improved the competence and capacity of workforce development professionals. Clearly delineate the depth and breadth of the contribution.

**SAR LEVITAN ADVANCING THE RESEARCH AGENDA AWARD** — describe how and to what extent the nominee's individual contribution has furthered research of significance to the workforce development profession. Clearly delineate the depth and breadth of the contribution, whether as an active researcher, catalyst, disseminator or user of research and evaluation.

**JODI SPIEGEL ENHANCEMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD** — describe how and to what extent the nominee's individual contribution has benefited customers of the workforce development system. Clearly delineate the depth and breadth of the contribution.

**THOMAS AHLERS SYSTEM BUILDING AWARD** — describe how and to what extent the nominee's individual contribution has created or enhanced more effective systems of coordination, management, information or administration of workforce development programs and services. Clearly delineate the depth and breadth of the contribution.

### SECTION II: CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHALLENGES (25 points)

Describe the circumstances and challenges faced by the nominee when making his/her contribution, including a description of the special skills or qualities that distinguish the nominee from others confronted by similar circumstances and challenges.

### SECTION III: ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION (45 points)

Describe how the accomplishments of the nominee have contributed to the overall growth and positive image of the workforce development profession. Include a description of the practical applicability of the nominee's contribution and how the nominee has shared his/her knowledge with other professionals and interested stakeholders.



*Nominators must be members of NAWDP.  
Past award winners may not receive a second award in the same category.  
Nomination of current NAWDP Board members is discouraged.  
Award winners receive a complementary registration to attend the 2007 Conference.  
Award winners will be requested to provide photographs.*

