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**SALO, HECHT AND DAMMEYER TO RECEIVE
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AWARDS**

*Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public
Administration to Present Awards at Annual Spring Institute on April 23rd.*

ALBANY, NY – April 13, 2007 – The Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena, today announced the recipients of its three most prestigious awards to be presented at its annual ASPA Awards Luncheon on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany.

Theresa E. Salo, Deputy Director of Criminal Justice at the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Alfred E. Smith Award; Franklin Hecht, Director of Administration at the NYS Office of General Services, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Charles Evans Hughes Award; and Jeffrey Dammeyer, Director of Management Information Services for the town of Bethlehem, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Frank C. Moore Award. "Ms. Salo, Mr. Hecht, and Mr. Dammeyer should be admired for their dedication and commitment to the service they render to the citizens of New York State," said Alice Roberson, Awards Committee Chair of the local chapter of ASPA. "These awards are a tribute to their accomplishments and an acknowledgement of their contributions." Michael N. Christakis, Ph.D., President of the Empire State Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, stressed the service rendered by this year's nominees were "far in excess of the normal expectation of the duties of the nominee's position within their respective organizations."

The Alfred E. Smith Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service or initiative by an individual, which may consist of a singular accomplishment, and who has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State. Chauncey Parker, former Director of Criminal Justice, in his nomination of Ms. Salo remarked, "in 2003, I assigned Terry the task of spearheading the implementation of the new Crimestat program with eight State criminal justice agencies and despite complex and time-consuming negotiations, she never lost sight of her overarching goal to have a comprehensive criminal justice management accountability system in place for New York State."

Ms. Salo, a career civil servant who has held executive positions in three agencies over the last 20 years, was cited for her significant efforts in developing New York State's Crimestat program. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Director of Criminal Justice, she served as Director of Policy Analysis in the Office of Policy Analysis at the New York State Division of Parole, gaining valuable experience in internal audit functions, forecasting, and management. Her

responsibilities included supervised audits, quality control, and evaluating and forecasting agency activities.

The Charles Evans Hughes Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by an individual who has exemplified superior management and administration within New York State over an extended period of time. Franklin Hecht has worked for over 27 years for the New York State Office of General Services, where he presently holds the position of Director of Administration. Former Commissioner Daniel D. Hogan described Mr. Hecht as “unflappable and unpretentious and a gifted manager who has earned the respect and trust of his employees, peers, and executive staff.”

Mr. Hecht is credited with demonstrating that agency program areas had grown over dependent on contract staff. This resulted in over fifty new positions added to the OGS budget enabling the agency to provide a more economical approach to the work being performed. Additionally, in response to the statewide petroleum tank replacement program, Mr. Hecht organized and administrated the coordinated system that met a Federal mandate to replace all underground fuel tanks on time and reduced the number of new tanks, thereby lowering the cost to the State. Mr. Hecht is also credited with the establishment of an Equipment Maintenance Program (EMP), which allowed agencies to convert numerous vendor contracts into one service agreement, thus saving the State 25% over individual vendor contracts.

The Frank C. Moore Award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by an individual who has exemplified superior management and administration within local government. Theresa L. Egan, Town Supervisor for the Town of Bethlehem, nominated Jeffrey Dammeyer, Director of Management Information Services for the town of Bethlehem. She credits him with streamlining operations and using computerization to make local government more efficient.

Mr. Dammeyer has forged new pathways for Town operations by eliminating manual processes and implementing new technologies for the twelve operating divisions to enable the town to “do more, with less.” He has created and maintained the Town’s Web site in a format that is both user-friendly and reflects positively on the community. In 2007, Mr. Dammeyer and the staff launched an e-newsletter to subscribers, which has been lauded for its relevant content and its format. He is vigilant about security and protects system integrity against external threats by updating the hardware with the latest security software. He is a leader who can provide formal training for all users on new applications to continuously promote growth of their skills. Mr. Dammeyer, as a key member of the Town’s senior management staff, provides invaluable perspectives on operational and technology issues.

Ms. Salo, Mr. Hecht, and Mr. Dammeyer will be presented their awards at the annual ASPA Awards Luncheon on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, this year as part of ASPA’s Spring Institute, “Transforming Government.”

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