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## *Nominations Open for Second Annual HR Leadership Awards of Greater Washington*

### **Awards and Scholarship Programs Expanded for 2003**

Thriving organizations are the product of strong, capable leadership. Human resource leaders sustain and cultivate the infrastructure of today's private and public organizations, often overcoming remarkable challenges. The ***HR Leadership Awards of Greater Washington*** were created to recognize and celebrate the exemplary contributions of outstanding human resource leaders who serve as business strategists, change drivers and thought leaders in industry and government throughout the greater Washington, D.C., area.

This year the Awards program is being expanded to include six awards:

Four ***Human Resources Professional Excellence Awards*** will be given to HR executives who have made outstanding contributions to their communities in strategic leadership, organizational efficiencies, teaching or research. One Award will be given in each of these four sectors:

- Large Commercial
- Small Commercial
- Government
- Non-Profit

A ***Community Service/Corporate Social Responsibility Award***, in honor of former Marymount University President Sr. Eymard Gallagher, RHS, who led the development of Marymount's highly regarded Human Resources Program, recognizes an HR leader for his/her commitment to corporate social responsibilities and business ethics, as well as professional excellence.

An ***Ethics Award***, in honor of CACI Chairman, President & CEO, Dr. Jack London, reflects his commitment to the highest ethical standards and recognizes an HR professional who has clearly influenced his/her organization's ethical standards through the establishment and maintenance of policies, practices, and programs.

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## ***HR Leadership Awards of Greater Washington: Awards and Scholarship Programs Expanded/2***

Nominations for the *HR Leadership Awards of Greater Washington* are being accepting through **March 15, 2003**. Candidates may be nominated by senior-level executives within an organization or by other professionals in the HR field.

The 2003 awards will be presented at a Gala dinner at the McLean Hilton on **Tuesday, June 3, 2003**, with **Bob Madigan**, WTOP's *Man About Town*, as Master of Ceremonies.

***The HR Leadership Scholarship Program***, is also being expanded in 2003. Sponsored by the *HR Leadership Awards of Greater Washington*, the program will award three \$3,000 scholarships to support current and aspiring HR professionals pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in human resources management. One scholarship is reserved for a student attending Marymount University, one of the founders of the Awards program. The other two scholarships will be awarded to students attending a member institution of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Applications for the *Scholarship Program* are being accepted through **May 2, 2003**.

Current sponsors for the 2003 HR Leadership Awards program include **CACI International Inc**, **BearingPoint** (formerly KPMG Consulting), **DBM, Marymount University**, the **Washington Business Journal**, **WTOP**, and **Federal News Radio**. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are still available to recognize and promote outstanding leadership in the increasingly critical human resources profession.

Nomination guidelines and in-depth descriptions of the awards, scholarship program and sponsorship opportunities are online at [www.hrleadership.org](http://www.hrleadership.org). For more information, please contact Marie Assir, HR Leadership Awards Administrator, at 703-284-5975 or info@hrleadership.org.

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