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## AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATIVE SYSTEM (FSCS) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

**Washington, DC** – The 2004 Helen M. Eckard Award for Exemplary Use of FSCS Data was presented by Data Use Subcommittee Chair Al Zimmerman to Ann M. Reed, Oregon State Library; Data Coordination Unit, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; and Sandi Long, Utah State Library. The Eckard Award, first presented in 1995, is named for an NCES staff member who provided outstanding leadership as a professional librarian for the support of the Library Statistics Program.

The 2004 Francis Keppel Awards were presented to 38 states and 2 territories during the annual FSCS Professional Development Conference on Tuesday, December 8, 2004. The Keppel Award is named after Francis Keppel, a U.S. Commissioner of Education who served from 1962 to 1965. He also served as a distinguished member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) from 1978 to 1983. Dr. Keppel was an early and enthusiastic advocate of reliable and regularly reported national, state, and local library statistics that would provide a basis for public policy formulation and the improvement of library services to the entire spectrum of the U.S. population. Marianne Kotch, Chair of the FSCS Steering Committee presented the Award to 10 first-time individual winners.\* The first Awards were earned by four states at the 1992 annual Training Workshop. To date, all but two territories have earned the Award.

The Award is presented each year to the qualifying Chief Officers (listed first) and Data Coordinators (listed second) of state library agencies. The Award is given for submitting prompt, complete, and high-quality public library data and is in the form of an abacus with a mounted engraved brass plate.

Following is a list of the 2004 Keppel Award recipients (*First time winners name in bold; # in parentheses after State name denotes # of awards the State has received including 2004. This is for FY 2003 data submission*):

ALABAMA (6)  
Rebecca Mitchell, **Hulen Bivens**

CALIFORNIA (8)  
Kevin Starr, Ira Bray

ALASKA (8)  
George Smith, acting, Patience Frederiksen

COLORADO (9)  
Nancy Bolt, Keith Lance

ARKANSAS (10)  
Jack Mulkey, Carolyn Ashcraft

CONNECTICUT (10)  
Kendall Wiggin, Joanne Turschmann

DELAWARE (12)  
**Annie Norman**, Despina Wilson

DIST. OF COLUMBIA (6)  
**Richard L. Jackson**, Roxanna Deanne

FLORIDA (11)  
Judith Ring, Amy Johnson

GEORGIA (7)  
Lamar Veatch, Susan Roberts

IDAHO (12)  
Charles Bolles, Frank Nelson

ILLINOIS (11)  
Jean Wilkins, Pat Norris

INDIANA (10)  
Barbara Maxwell, Edythe Huffman

IOWA (14)  
Mary Wegner, Gerry Rowland

KENTUCKY (12)  
James Nelson, Jay Bank

MAINE (9)  
J. Gary Nichols, Felicia Kennedy

MARYLAND (11)  
Irene Padilla, Michael Osborne

MASSACHUSETTS (11)  
Robert C. Maier, Dianne Carty

MICHIGAN (10)  
Christine Brandau, Terri Assaf

MISSISSIPPI (12)  
Sharman Smith, Lynn Shurden

NEBRASKA (11)  
Rod Wagner, Kit Keller

NEVADA (6)  
Sara Jones, Holly Van Valkenburgh

NEW MEXICO (7)  
**Richard Akeroyd**, **Richard Akeroyd**, acting

NORTH CAROLINA (12)  
Sandra Cooper, Timothy Owens

NORTH DAKOTA (12)  
Doris Ott, Cheryl Haldorson

OHIO (13)  
Michael Lucas, Darla Cottrill

OREGON (4)  
James Scheppke, Ann Reed

RHODE ISLAND (13)  
Anne Parent, Ann Piascik

SOUTH CAROLINA (13)  
James B. Johnson, Jr., Libby Law

TENNESSEE (12)  
Edwin Gleaves, Shelley Fugitt

TEXAS (11)  
Peggy Rudd, **Margaret Whitehead**

UTAH (13)  
**Donna Jones Morris**, Sandi Long

VERMONT (11)  
Sybil Brigham McShane, Marianne Kotch

VIRGINIA (8)  
Nolan Yelich, Carol Adams

WASHINGTON (13)  
Jan Walsh, **Tamara Georgick**

WEST VIRGINIA (12)  
J.D. Waggoner, Steve Fesenmaier

WISCONSIN (12)  
Richard Grobschmidt, Alan Zimmerman

WYOMING (11)  
Lesley Boughton, **Debbie Buchmeier**

GUAM (4)  
Christine Scott-Smith, Melissa Taijeron

VIRGIN ISLANDS (2)  
Sharlene Harris, **Chris Doute**

FSCS is a cooperative program of the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science that has been in operation since 1988. The purpose of the Professional Development Conference is to improve the annual collection, reporting, and use of national public library data. Participants included Data Coordinators from all of the States and Territories.

“The purpose of the National Center for Education Statistics shall be to collect, analyze, and disseminate statistics and other data related to education in the United States and in other Nations.” — Section 406(b) of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1221e-1).

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