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### **BGR Seeking Nominations of Public Employees and Citizens for 2018 Excellence in Government Awards**

New Orleans (October 16, 2017) – The Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) is now accepting nominations for its 2018 Excellence in Government Awards. Since 1994, BGR has given more than 150 awards Excellence in Government awards to extraordinary public employees and private citizens. The awards honor creative, dedicated public employees for their accomplishments and citizens who have worked to significantly improve local government. The deadline for nominations is January 16, 2018.

“BGR looks forward to honoring the most dedicated, creative and high-performing individuals working on and in local government,” said Hardy B. Fowler, BGR Board Chairman. “The impact of Excellence in Government honorees’ work extends long past the award ceremony.”

There are four Excellence in Government award categories. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes sustained performance over a career in public service. The Merit Award recognizes outstanding performance by public sector employees. The Innovation Award recognizes employees who have implemented new solutions to pressing problems. Finally, the Citizenship Award recognizes a private citizen who has worked to improve the quality of government. All public employee awards include a cash award.

“BGR’s Excellence in Government awards motivate public sector achievement and citizen engagement, which align with BGR’s mission and benefit the community at large,” said Amy L. Glovinsky, BGR President

& CEO. “This is an exciting part of our mission where BGR recognizes those who are actively working for and facilitating efficient and effective government.”

Anyone can nominate a public employee or private citizen for an award. BGR relies on nominators to bring awareness to unsung heroes who are making an important contribution to local government. BGR accepts nominations throughout the Greater New Orleans Region, including Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and St. Tammany Parishes.

For more details on eligibility and to submit a nomination, visit [www.bgr.org](http://www.bgr.org). BGR is grateful for the support of its 2018 Excellence in Government sponsor, Canal Barge Company, Inc.

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