

## AMERICA SECURE AWARD

### ***NOMINATIONS TO CLOSE - FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012!***

The NDIA Homeland Security Division annually presents its highest award, the America Secure Award, to a deserving individual or organization in recognition of their contributions to making the United States a more secure and prosperous nation. The award ceremony is planned for Fall 2012. The description of the America Secure Award selection criteria is below.

Past award recipients include:

- ▶ 2007 - The Honorable Jim Gilmore, former Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia; former Chairman, U.S. Congressional Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (The Gilmore Commission)
- ▶ 2008 - The Honorable Paul McHale, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense; former U.S. Representative (D-PA)
- ▶ 2009 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs & Border Protection Directorate with specific citation to:
  - Mr. David Aguilar, Acting Commissioner and current Chief, U.S. Border Patrol
  - Mr. Jay Ahern, The Chertoff Group; former Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs & Border Protection
  - Chief Gustavo "Gus" De La Vina, former Chief, U.S. Border Patrol (Posthumous)
- ▶ 2010 - Virginia Task Force 1, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

### **Selection Criteria**

Nominations are open to individuals and groups, with exceptional international, national, regional or local expertise in their specific field, as noted by our past honorees. Recipients of the America Secure Award should fall within the following guidelines:

- Provide exemplary and consistent contributions to the policies, programs or operations associated with the nation's homeland security and homeland defense efforts
- Perform distinguished and meritorious actions that have occurred during challenging circumstances (all-hazards)
- Possess recognized or acknowledged insight, stature and expertise in the areas of homeland security or homeland defense
- Recognize the valued and critical relationships between the public and private sectors to safeguard the nation's security, innovation, entrepreneurship and civil rights/civil liberties
- Exhibit extraordinary leadership and service capabilities consistent with the ideals of American people and its Constitution
- Be from the public or private sector, with exemplary contributions at the international, national, state or local level

Nominations will be shared with the NDIA Homeland Security Division for consideration prior to voting. Each member of the Division will have one vote.

### **Nominating Procedure**

Please e-mail the name (individual(s) or organization), a biography and contact information for your nominee(s) to:

Hon. Nancy Harvey Steorts  
Nancy Harvey Steorts & Associates  
Chair, America Secure Award Nominating Committee  
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A confirmation of receipt will be emailed upon submission. Please be sure to verify that you receive this confirmation. All nominations will be forwarded to the NDIA Homeland Security Division Chair for Division consideration.

**Nominations will close on Friday, May 18, 2012.**