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### **Seven Honored with Awards at the 2011 NAEA National Conference** *Peer Recognition is Highest Honor*

Washington, DC — (August 16, 2011) The National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) has honored seven people with special awards. The winners were announced on August 9 during the annual awards ceremony at the 2011 NAEA National Conference in Las Vegas, which boasted a record number of attendees. The awardees were nominated by their peers, based on unique standards for each award.

The seven award winners are:

- Larry M. Liptscher, EA of Hartsdale, NY, received the Founders Award in recognition of his significant contribution and service to NAEA and its members, which exemplify the principles and goals envisioned by NAEA's founders. This lifetime achievement award is the association's highest recognition.
- Catherine A. Clow, EA of Grass Valley, CA, received the Excellence in Education Award in recognition of her significant contributions, which have improved the quality and scope of NAEA education programs.
- Marti Myers-Garver, EA of Las Vegas, NV, received the Outstanding Volunteer Award in recognition of her volunteer service to NAEA, its state affiliates and their local chapters.
- William Stevenson, EA, CFP, USTCP of Merrick, NY, received the Excellence in Public Awareness Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to making enrolled agents more recognizable as the tax professionals of choice.
- Alexander B. Thomson, EA, CFP of Arlington, VA, received the Bill Payne Advocacy Award for his commitment to advocacy on behalf of enrolled agents.
- Sherrill Trovato, EA, USTCP of Fountain Valley, CA, received the Mentor of the Year Award in recognition of her significant contribution and dedication to the enrolled agent profession and for instilling excitement for the profession through her leadership, encouragement and support of fellow EAs.
- Gigi Thompson Jarvis, CAE of Washington, DC, received the Outstanding Supporter of Enrolled Agents Award in recognition of her significant contributions to the enrolled agent profession through her work in public relations and marketing.

#### **About Enrolled Agents**

Enrolled agents are tax professionals licensed by the US Department of the Treasury to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels of the IRS. While attorneys and certified public accountants are also licensed, only enrolled agents specialize exclusively in taxes. Enrolled agents are required to complete many hours of continuing education each year to ensure they are up-to-date on the constantly changing tax code and must abide by a code of ethics. To find an enrolled agent in your area, visit the website of the National Association of Enrolled Agents at [www.naea.org](http://www.naea.org) and look for the "Find an Enrolled Agent" directory.