

The 2009 Emmett Leahy Award

Awarded for Outstanding Contributions and Accomplishments that Have a Major Impact on the Records and Information Management Profession

The Emmett Leahy Award is presented annually to recognize an individual whose contributions and outstanding accomplishments have had a major impact on the records and information management professions.

The award honors Emmett Leahy, an icon in the development of the lifecycle approach to managing records and information. Emmett Leahy chaired the historic Hoover Commission on Paperwork Records Management Task Force. The recommendations of this task force resulted in the establishment of a government-wide records management program for federal agencies of the United States Government. Leahy's records and information management concepts have been widely applied in business and industry throughout the world.

Emmett Leahy established a unique spirit of innovation, dedication and excellence through his work in records and information management. This tradition is perpetuated in the prestigious award that bears his name.

Eligibility and Nomination for the Award

Any individual who has had a major impact on the field of records and information management is eligible to be nominated by an individual, organization, or professional association. A nominee does not have to be a Certified Records Manager or a member of a professional organization. Past winners have included users, educators, archivists, records managers, and consultants – both within North America and internationally.

Nomination letters should be sent electronically to Charles Dollar, Chair of the Leahy Award Committee (thecdollar@cs.com) by March 1, 2009. Nomination letters should succinctly (no more than two pages) and clearly identify the *significant contributions* the individual has made to the information and records management professions that meet the criteria for the Emmett Leahy Award.



The Emmett Leahy Award Committee, which consists of the previous ten recipients and is solely responsible for the selection of Emmett Leahy Award recipients, will review nominations and *invite nominees* who meet the award criteria to submit formal applications. The Emmett Leahy Award Committee will review the formal applications submitted by the *invited nominees* and select the 2009 recipient. More information on the Emmett Leahy Award is available at http://www.leahyaward.com. Please note that the Emmett Leahy Award is not presented posthumously.

The 2009 Emmett Leahy Award will be presented during the Annual Business Meeting of the Institute of Certified Records Managers held in conjunction with the 54th Annual ARMA International Conference in Orlando, FL, October 15 – 18, 2009.