The schedule and information regarding the 2002 Louisiana Performance Excellence Award has been released by the Louisiana Quality Foundation. The Louisiana Performance Excellence Award is a statewide award recognizing quality leadership in education, government, manufacturing, service industries and non-profit organizations. The purpose of the Award is to promote quality awareness and practices in Louisiana and recognize the quality achievements of Louisiana organizations. The award criteria are based on the Malcolm Balridge National Quality Award and is organized and administered by the Louisiana Quality Foundation.

The three levels of participation are designed to support continuous improvement of the applicant’s performance management systems, approaches and results. The level of applicant recognition is based on the applicant’s demonstration of the criteria application at the selected award level. Level I – Commitment to Excellence, Level II – Progress in Performance Excellence, Level III – Louisiana Performance Excellence Award.

The notice of intent to apply for the Louisiana Performance Excellence Award is due by July 5th, 2002, with applications due August 2nd, 2002. Recipients will be honored at the annual Louisiana Performance Excellence Award Banquet on December 13th, 2002, at the Baton Rouge Sheraton.

This is the inaugural year of the Foundation’s Louisiana Environmental Management Award. The purpose of this new award is to recognize Louisiana organizations that develop effective environmental management systems to improve their environmental performance. The program encourages integration of environmental excellence into business operations and management practices through the establishment of a pollution prevention-based environmental management system.

The Louisiana Quality Foundation is a non-profit organization of dedicated professional volunteers that strives to assist Louisiana organizations to achieve performance excellence to gain competitive advantages.

Information is available on the Foundation’s website (http://www.laqualityaward.com) concerning the Performance Excellence Award, the Environmental Management Award, the Foundation, the Performance Excellence Award Examiner Application procedures, the award processes, and the Foundation’s annual Conference and awards banquet. Interested parties may call Corinne Dupuy at (337) 482-6422 or e-mail her at: cdupuy@louisiana.edu.

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