



U.S. Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
Office of Public Affairs

NEWS RELEASE

May 7, 2004
Release: 3090

Contact: Nicolette Humphries
(202) 208-3985

MMS Director Johnnie Burton Named One of America's Key Women in Energy

For the second consecutive year, Minerals Management Service Director Johnnie Burton is being honored as one of the top women in the energy field in the Key Women in Energy-Americas awards competition.

"I'm proud, but not surprised that Johnnie is being recognized once again for her contributions to the energy sector," said Secretary Norton. "Under her expert leadership, the Minerals Management Service is securing energy security and economic value for America while protecting our environment for future generations."

Winners of the 100 Key Women in Energy-Americas awards are selected for contributions to the entire energy "value chain" - from upstream oil and gas exploration to downstream power transmission as well as information technology and overarching environmental issues.

The awards recognize the achievements and contributions of individual women across the energy sector and are given in the following categories: Pathfinders/Trailblazers, Leadership, Wisdom, Innovation/Creativity, Visionary and Potential.

This year, Ms. Burton is being recognized in the Wisdom category for her expert counsel, guidance and advice to the energy sector and related businesses. Last year, Burton won the top award in the leadership category of the 100 Key Women in Energy –Americas and was also named the top leader in the 2002 50 Key Women in Energy – Global.

The 2003 overall winners in each of the six categories were announced Tuesday, May 4, at a "Chocolate Reception" in Houston coinciding with the Offshore Technology Conference.

MMS manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in federal offshore waters. MMS also collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from federal and American Indian lands. Between 1982 and 2003, MMS distributed more than \$135 billion in revenues from onshore and offshore lands, an average of more than \$6 billion per year, to the Nation, States and American Indians. Nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund annually for the development of State and federal park and recreation lands.

[MMS: Securing Ocean Energy & Economic Value for America](#)

