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News Advisory

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LITTLE ROCK — The finalists for the 2011 "Professional Assistant of the Year" will be announced Thursday, Nov. 3.

The presentation will be during the 40th Annual Conference for Professional Assistants, which is hosted by the Interdepartmental Relations Committee (IRC) of state government. The conference will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11301 Financial Centre Parkway, Little Rock.

Each year, IRC coordinates a conference to educate and motivate support staff working in state government.

This year's program will include Sonja Samuel, a trainer with SkillPath Seminars. Other participants include Clark Thomas, Department of Labor; Lamar Davis, Office of the Governor; David Maxwell, Department of Emergency Management; and Becky Bryant, Department of Labor. The conference will end with a performance by Rock Star, an ensemble of the Top of the Rock Chorus.

Anne Laidlaw, director of Arkansas Building Authority, will present the finalists for the Professional Assistant of the Year during the luncheon session. State Directors, Constitutional Officers and other distinguished guests also will be recognized during this session.

For additional information, contact Gabby Eaton, IRC Chair, Arkansas Building Authority, 501-682-5558.

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