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Offshore Industry Achievements to be Celebrated Tuesday in Houston

- What:** 2004 MMS Industry Awards Program and Luncheon
- Who:** Winners of the SAFE Award, Stewardship Award, Corporate Leadership Award, and Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting Award.
- When:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 11:30 a.m.
- Where:** Houston Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, Texas (713) 627-7600
- Keynote Speaker:** Vice Admiral (Ret.) Conrad C. Lautenbacher
Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

RSVP Requested: If you wish to attend and cover the awards banquet, please contact Nicolette Nye at (703) 787-1011.

For more information on the awards program go to www.mms.gov/awards.

The MMS, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, oversees 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf, managing offshore energy and minerals while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments through advanced science and technology research. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 23 percent of natural gas produced domestically, and sand used for coastal restoration. The MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, with Fiscal Year 2004 disbursements of approximately \$8 billion and more than \$143 billion since 1982. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which pays for cooperative conservation, grants to states, and Federal land acquisition, gets nearly \$1 billion a year.

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