



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
FOUNDATION



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

presented and administered by the Civic Federation

AWARD HISTORY AND PAST HONOREES

In 1990 executives at Motorola recognized the need to identify and promote the exemplary work of public servants throughout the State of Illinois. Motorola had previously worked with the Illinois business community to support the achievements and hard work of non-elected government officials.

Sponsored by the Motorola Solutions Foundation in partnership with the Civic Federation, the Excellence in Public Service Award annually recognizes a non-elected government official who has had an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois. The award seeks to honor individuals who show dedication to a vision of quality management, leadership and innovation that leads to lasting achievements and more effective government in Illinois.

2023

[Lanetta Haynes Turner](#)

Chief of Staff

Office of Cook County Board
President Toni Preckwinkle

2022

[Annette Nance-Holt](#)

Commissioner

Chicago Fire Department

2021

[Grace B. Hou](#)

Secretary

Illinois Department of
Human Services

2020

[Ngozi Ezike, M.D.](#)

Director

Illinois Department of
Public Health

2020

[Allison Arwady, M.D.](#)

Commissioner

Chicago Department of
Public Health

2019

[Dorval R. Carter Jr.](#)

President

Chicago Transit Authority

2018

[Jamie Rhee](#)

Commissioner

Chicago Department of
Aviation

2017

[Arnold Randall](#)

General Superintendent

Forest Preserve District of
Cook County

2016

[Karin M. Norington-Reaves](#)

CEO

Chicago Cook Workforce
Partnership

2015

[Karen Tamley](#)

Commissioner

Chicago Mayor's Office for
People with Disabilities

2014

[Rocco Claps](#)

Director

Illinois Department of
Human Rights

2013

[Rosemarie S. Andolino](#)

Commissioner

Chicago Department of
Aviation

2012

[Julie Hamos](#)

Director

Illinois Department of
Healthcare and Family Services

2011

Margaret C. Daley

Former First Lady

City of Chicago (recognized as
Chicago Public Schools CEO)

2010

James R. Reilly

Trustee

Metropolitan Pier and
Exposition Authority

2009

Judy Erwin

Executive Director

Illinois Board of
Higher Education

2008

Arne Duncan

CEO

Chicago Public Schools

2007

Ron Huberman

President

Chicago Transit Authority

2006

Lori Healey

Commissioner

Chicago Department of
Planning and Development

2005

Shirley Madigan

Chair

Illinois Arts Council

2004

Terry Peterson

CEO

Chicago Housing Authority

2003

James Joyce

Commissioner

Chicago Fire Department

2002

Pam McDonough

Director

Illinois Department of
Commerce and Community
Affairs

2001

William Holland

Auditor General

State of Illinois

2000

Mary Dempsey

Commissioner

Chicago Public Library

2000

Audrey McCrimon

Assistant to Secretary

Illinois Department of
Human Services

1999

Lois Weisberg

Commissioner

Chicago Department of
Cultural Affairs

1998

Paul Vallas

CEO

Chicago Public Schools

1997

Jess McDonald

Director

Illinois Department of
Children and Family Services

1996

Richard Wagner

Executive Director

Illinois Board of
Higher Education

1995

Robert P. Belcaster
President
Chicago Transit Authority

1994

Ruth Rothstein
Director
Cook County Hospital

1993

Mary Decker Laraia
Chief
Cook County Capital
Planning and Policy

1992

Sister Sheila Lyne
Commissioner
Chicago Department of
Public Health