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**American Citizens Abroad seeks State Department employees
rendering outstanding service to Americans abroad**

Washington, DC, Monday, October 14, 2019 -- American Citizens Abroad, Inc. (ACA), calls for nominations for its 2019 Thomas Jefferson Award honoring State Department employees who have given exemplary service to American citizens residing abroad. ACA is a Washington, DC based nonprofit, nonpartisan, volunteer organization representing the interests of Americans living and working outside the United States to all branches of the U.S. Government.

ACA launched the Thomas Jefferson Award in 1994 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, America's first Secretary of State. Jefferson himself lived outside the new republic for many years while promoting the political, economic and intellectual interests of his country. The impressive nominations submitted for prior Awards testify to deep appreciation by U.S. citizens abroad for exceptional service received from State Department employees.

The winner receives a framed certificate, and his/her name is engraved on a plaque on display at the State Department. The names of all nominees are sent to State, and mention of nomination is added to their service records.

Previous winners include personnel of all ranks (from Foreign Service National through Ambassador) based on all continents and in Washington, each of whom has, through personal commitment, creativity and enthusiasm served, inspired and united "their" American communities. Check out previous winners at: <https://www.americansabroad.org/thomas-jefferson-award/>

Nominations for the award should include:

- ▶ One or more letters of recommendation from individual Americans and/or groups, explaining why the candidate should be chosen, and citing anecdotes and examples of outstanding service to the local community;
- ▶ If possible, an outline of the nominee's career to date;
- ▶ A recent photograph of the candidate;
- ▶ Deadline for submission of nominations for the 2019 Thomas Jefferson Award is **31 December 2019**. Please provide your contact details with your submission.

Nominations should be sent to: info@americansabroad.org or via mail to American Citizens Abroad, Inc., Attention: Thomas Jefferson Award Committee, 11140 Rockville Pike, Suite 100-162, Rockville, MD 20852, USA.