

domestic motor vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, or Federal laboratory personnel who, in the opinion of the Secretary of Transportation have substantially improved domestic motor vehicle research and development in safety, energy savings, or environmental impact. No person may receive the award more than once every 5 years. (15 USC 3711c.)

This announcement is to solicit nominations for the National Award for the Advancement of Motor Vehicle Research and Development and to provide relevant information. It is the third year of competition for the award; the second competition having closed on December 16, 1994 after having been announced by Federal Register notice (59 FR 54489, Monday, October 31, 1994). The award consists of a medal and citation from the Secretary of Transportation. It will be presented at an appropriate ceremony.

**Nominators:** Any person may nominate individuals or organizations he or she believes are worthy of receiving the award by reason of accomplishments.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility for the National Award for the Advancement of Motor Vehicle Research and Development is limited to domestic motor vehicle manufacturers, domestic suppliers to the motor vehicle industry, their employees, and personnel of Federal laboratories. See the *Definitions* section below for the definitions of the following terms: Domestic motor vehicle manufacturer, Domestic supplier, and Federal laboratory.

**Qualifying Work:** The award will recognize work that has substantially improved domestic motor vehicle research and development in the areas of motor vehicle safety, motor vehicle energy savings, or environmental impacts of motor vehicles. The work may be a singular one time accomplishment or it may be a series of accomplishments that have had substantial effect over time. Examples of the types of achievements that fall into the three categories are:

1. Safety Improvement—Vehicular technology that reduces the likelihood of crashes (crash avoidance) or the likelihood of serious injury when a crash occurs (crashworthiness) or otherwise improves the chances of post-crash survival/recovery of crash victims. This could include research and development of instrumentation or biomechanics.

2. Energy Savings—Technology that saves energy in the production or operation of motor vehicles my such means as light weight structures, engine and drive train improvements, reductions in tire rolling resistance or

aerodynamic drag, and modifications of fuel characteristics.

3. Improvements in Environmental Quality—Motor vehicle technology that reduces emissions, reduces solid waste, reduces hazardous waste, reduces noise (e.g. tire noise), was well as technology that reduces waste byproducts or motor vehicle production, operation, or scrappage.

#### *Required Contents of Nomination*

- Names and identification of specific individuals or organizations being nominated.
- Identification of nominator(s) with title(s), address(es) and phone number(s). At least one nominator must sign the nomination.
- Description of accomplishments, including the nature of the specific research and development accomplishment and reasons why it constitutes substantial improvement. Identify involvement of organization or individual(s) nominated.
- References for improvements (patents, awards, papers, other recognition).
- Establish eligibility of nominees. Individuals must be past or current employees of organization at which research and development was accomplished.
- Establish that improved technology is for motor vehicles offered for sale in the United States.

**Limitation on length of nomination:** The nomination is limited to 10 numbered pages of 8.5 inch × 11.0 inch paper with one inch margins and font size not less than 12 point.

Send an original and three copies of the complete nomination to William A. Boehly, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590. Nomination will be returned to the nominator if it includes a written request.

**Evaluation process and criteria:** NHTSA and other Federal agency staff will make an initial screening of all nominations received on or before December 15, 1995 to ensure that they contain the required information and meet the statutory requirements for eligibility and field of work. Subsequently, a special panel will evaluate the nominations. NHTSA intends that the evaluation panel will include experts in the fields of energy savings and environmental impact in addition to motor vehicle safety. The panel will make its evaluations according to the following criteria:

1. Quality of cited work.

2 Contribution of cited work to improved safety, energy savings or environmental quality.

3. Involvement of nominees with cited work.

The Secretary of Transportation will then select the awardee from among the nominees receiving high evaluations from the evaluation panel. The Secretary may also decide not to make an award. His decision is final.

#### *Definitions*

For the purposes of determining eligibility for the National Award for the Advancement of Motor Vehicle Research and Development, the following definitions will apply:

**Domestic motor vehicle manufacturer**—a company engaged in the production and sale of motor vehicles in the United States and that has majority ownership or control by individuals who are citizens of the United States. [Definition based on that of "United States-owned company" in Section 15 U.S.C. 278n(j)(2) as added by Public Law 102-245.]

**Domestic supplier**—a company that supplies research and development, design services, materials, parts and/or items of equipment or machinery to a motor vehicle manufacturer or subcontractor to a motor vehicle manufacturer or whose produces are used in new motor vehicles and that has majority ownership or control by individuals who are citizens of the United States.

**Personnel of Federal laboratory**—Individuals employed by the Federal Government at a facility engaging in research and development activities or employed by a contractor at such a facility that is owned by the Federal Government and operated by that contractor.

Ricardo Martinez,  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

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### Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, Charlotte, North Carolina; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on October 24, 1995, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Home Federal Savings

and Loan Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Southeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1475 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Dated: October 26, 1995.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

*Corporate Secretary.*

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