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Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership
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To the Selection Committee:

I am pleased to nominate Dr. L. Steven Landefeld, Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), for the Roger W. Jones Award. Dr. Landefeld is far and away one of the most innovative, capable, and inspiring career civil servants I have had the pleasure of working with. He is always looking for ways to improve our Nation's economic statistics, and has achieved many successes for which he is personally responsible. These successes have had far-reaching effects on the way that policy makers and businesses measure changes in the U.S. economy and around the world. At a time when rapid change and globalization in the international economy is the norm, this is a major accomplishment of great importance to a broad spectrum of our society.

In addition, through his leadership, BEA is one of the best managed agencies in the federal government. BEA consistently scores at the top of the ratings on OPM's Organizational Assessment Survey, and that is no accident. Dr. Landefeld is dedicated to strategically developing his staff and affording them opportunities to work alongside renowned leaders in their field.

It is with great honor that I ask you to consider Dr. Landefeld for the Roger W. Jones Award.

Dr. Rebecca Blank

Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

