Program

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Presentation of Awards
Dr. Sullivan  
NOAA Leadership Competencies Development Program Participants  
Line and Staff Office Representatives

Closing
Mr. Kennedy
2013 Bronze Medal Recipients

**National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service**

Anthony Arguez
Scott Applequist
Imke Durre
Mike Squires
Russell Vose

*For major innovations in climate science, providing the authoritative source of U.S. climate normals to the American public.*

**National Marine Fisheries Service**

David Blankinship
Peter Cooper
Joseph Desfosse
Gregory Fairclough
Sarah McLaughlin
Mark Murray-Brown
Richard Pearson
George Silva
Dianne Stephan
Megan Judith Walline

*For expeditiously requiring the use of weak hooks in the Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fishery to reduce the bycatch of spawning bluefin tuna.*

Kerri Danil

*For leading the first study of lethal internal injuries to dolphins caused by blast trauma, resulting in procedural changes to naval training exercises.*

Todd Gedamke
John Walter
Jennifer Schull Johnson

*For advancing fisheries science in the U.S. Caribbean by pioneering an innovative, cost-effective, and collaborative survey approach.*

Christina Fahy
Steven Bograd
Peter Dutton
Scott Benson
Elizabeth Petras
Steve Stone
Sara McNulty
Lisa Manning
Stephen Stohs
Scott Farley

*For creating the first protected open ocean critical habitat for leatherback turtles by balancing species conservation with ensuing economic impacts.*

NOAA Buoy Protection Team

*For exceptional cross-NOAA collaboration to internationally protect networks of data collection buoys from intentional and unintentional damage.*
National Ocean Service

Greg Baker
Rob Ricker
Chris Plaisted
Natalie Cosentino-Manning
John Incardona
Nathaniel Scholz
Pat Rutten
Jan Roletto
Ian Zelo

For exceptional coordination and scientific innovation leading to a swift, cooperative and unprecedented natural resource damage assessment settlement for the MV Cosco Busan oil spill.

Bradford Benggio
Christopher Barker
Amoreena MacFadyen
Glen Watabayashi

For supporting interagency and international efforts to ensure response preparedness to threats of oil spills from exploration in foreign waters.

NOAA Coastal Services Center

For developing a powerful delivery system for geospatial data and tools that are used to sustain coastal resources and coastal communities.
National Weather Service

Stephen Cocks
Rich Murnan
Dave Zittel
Darcy Saxion
Rich Ice
Paul Schlatter
Steven Smith
Jami Boettcher
Olen Boydsten
Ed Mahoney

For excellence in organizing and executing an operational assessment demonstrating the effectiveness of dual polarization data for warning and forecast operations.

Eric Rogers
Tom Black
Zavisa Janjic
Geoffrey Manikin
Wan-Shu Wu
Matthew Pyle
Hui-Ya Chuang
Rebecca Cosgrove
Christine C. Magee
Brian Gockel

For implementing a new North American prediction system providing improved numerical guidance/products to the Nation’s weather enterprise.

Brad Sipperley
Aaron Tyburski
Joseph Dellicarpini
David Hotz
Todd Lericos
Mark Oberfield
Jerry Griffin
Jay Smith
Cammye Sims

For improving aviation services by designing and implementing an innovative approach to forecast updates with software tools and forecaster training.

Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center, Slidell, La.
Weather Forecast Office, Memphis, Tenn.
Weather Forecast Office, Jackson, Miss.
Weather Forecast Office, Paducah, Ky.
Southern Region Headquarters, Fort Worth, Texas

For providing life-saving and innovative decision support services during the historic and unprecedented 2011 lower Mississippi River flood event.
Missouri Basin River Forecast Center, Pleasant Hill, Mo.
Hydrometeorological Prediction Center, College Park, Md.
Weather Forecast Office, Omaha, Neb.
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Weather Forecast Office, Chicago/Romeoville, Ill.
Center Weather Service Unit Chicago/Aurora, Ill.
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Distinguished Career Awards

**National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service**

**Scientific Achievement**

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**Administrative or Technical Support**

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**National Marine Fisheries Service**

**Professional Achievement**

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**Scientific Achievement**

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**Administrative or Technical Support**

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Management and Supervision

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Scientific Achievement

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Professional Achievement

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