



# Federal Energy and Water Management Awards

## Career Exceptional Service Award Winners



**MATTHEW TROPIANO**

U.S. Navy

As Region Energy Program Manager for Commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central, Matthew Tropiano has helped advance energy and water projects through the U.S. Navy's Energy Project Selection Process and execution of funding by identifying requirements consistently year after year. Over the course of his career, Matthew has served as an energy champion and continues to advance initiatives in direct support of the Navy's Energy Program.



**ERIN HOPE**

U.S. Department of Energy

Erin Hope's two decades of service at Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) are punctuated by outstanding achievements in advancing energy efficiency. Hope's partnerships with BPA's facilities team have led to electricity savings of 1.8 MW over his career. Hope has received six internal awards for his longstanding commitment to advancing energy efficiency, fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration, mentoring staff and interns, and guiding the next generation of energy efficiency engineers.



**JOHN POSHKA**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

John Poshka launched his federal career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2002, serving as director of public works and industrial hygienist. In 2009, he joined the Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), where he steadily increased the efficiency of environmental operations as Green Environmental Management Systems manager. Under Poshka's leadership, the Erie VAMC became a model for sustainable operations, consistently earning Top 25 awards from Practice Greenhealth.



**STEVE RUTLEDGE**

U.S. General Services Administration

Leveraging decades of experience and leadership, Steve Rutledge has established himself as a performance contracting and energy expert at the General Services Administration (GSA). As the performance contract manager for GSA Region 7 he strategically reduced utility use in the region through outside-the-box approaches that yielded significant cost savings for taxpayers.



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