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FROM: Jim Gulliford
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SUBJECT: Outstanding Chapter Award

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the SWCS Board of Directors has named the **Alabama Chapter** as the recipient of:

Outstanding Chapter Award

This and other awards will be presented at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, July 20th at noon during our 2010 Annual Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Hilton at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Missouri, July 18-21.

Please choose **one** individual who plans to attend the conference to represent your chapter to accept the award at the luncheon. Sue Ann Lynes will need to know the name of that individual so that she can make sure your chapter's representative is given a ticket to the awards luncheon. The free ticket to the luncheon must be picked up at the annual conference registration desk by noon on Monday, July 19th. Your chapter's name will appear on the award as **SWCS Alabama Chapter** unless you inform Sue Ann otherwise.

To ensure that your chapter receives proper recognition as recipient of the award, please contact Sue Ann at SWCS headquarters by April 23rd at sueann.lynes@swcs.org. Sue Ann is planning the Awards program and will need to know if a representative from your chapter plans to attend.

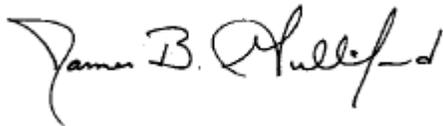
The following write-up will appear in the Awards program booklet. Please let Sue Ann know by April 23rd if you have any changes or corrections to the following information.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

Alabama is recognized as an Outstanding Chapter for 2009 for their efforts in sustaining and growing membership, developing communications, supporting students via science fairs and student chapters, and promoting developments in resource conservation in Alabama at their

annual meeting. They sponsored two courses and exams for the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control program in 2009 with 20 of the 30 participants taking the exam. Their 3-day annual meeting focused on Energy and Water Development for Alabama through presentations, technical sessions and tours. The topics included innovations in natural resource and energy management and “Dig It! The Secrets of Soil,” along with field trips to view local water treatment, highway construction conservation initiatives, and a bio-energy production demonstration by the Auburn University Center. And that’s not all – for more information about the Chapter’s activities visit their website (www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu).

I am very pleased that the Alabama Chapter will receive this award and extend my sincere congratulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James B. Gulliford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Gulliford
SWCS Executive Director

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