Value of Benefit	Extent of Application			
	Limited	*Extended*	*Broad*	*General*
	Affects functions, mission, or personnel of one office, facility, installation, or an organizational element of a headquarters. Affects a small area of science or technology.	Affects functions, mission, or personnel of several offices, facilities or installations. Affects an important area of science or technology.	Affects functions, mission, or personnel or an entire regional area of command. May be applicatable to all of an independent agency or a large bureau. Affects a broad area of science or technology.	Affects functions, mission, or personnel of several regional areas or commands, or an entire department or large independent agency, or is in the public interest throughout the Nation or beyond.
MODERATE VALUE Change or modification of an operating principle or procedure which has moderate value sufficient to meet the minimum standard for a cash award; an improvement of rather limited value of a product, activity, program, or service to the public.	$25-100 (COMPARE w/$250-1000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$100-250 (COMPARE w/$1,000-2,500 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$250-500	$500-1,000
SUBSTANTIAL VALUE Substantial change or modification of an operating principle or procedure; an important improvement to the value of a product, activity, program, or service to the public.	$100-250 (COMPARE w/$1,000-2,500 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$250-500 (COMPARE w/$2,500-5,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$500-1,000 (COMPARE w/$5,000-10,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$1,000-2,500
HIGH VALUE Complete revision of a basic principle or procedure; a highly significant improvement to the value of a product, major activity, or program, or service to the public.	$250-500	$500-1,000 (COMPARE w/$5,000-10,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$1,000-2,500 (COMPARE w/$10,000-50,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$2,500-5,000 (COMPARE w/$50,000-350,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE Initiation of a new principle or major procedure; a superior improvement to the quality of a critical product, activity, program, or service to the public.	$500-1,000	$1,000-2,500	$2,500-5,000 (COMPARE w/$50,000-350,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)	$5,000-10,000 (COMPARE w/$350,000-1,350,000 TANGIBLE BENEFITS)