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Dear Friend:

The Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board and the Wisconsin Historical Society invite your nominations for the 2014 Governor's Archives Awards. Three categories of awards are available:

Governor's Archival Achievement Award – recognizing a historical records repository that has made an outstanding contribution to the archival profession, or a notable achievement of value to the archives community, its patrons, or constituents. The activity or contribution being nominated must be for work that is continuing.

Governor's Archival Innovation Award – recognizing individuals, programs or organizations that successfully experiment with new ways to demonstrate the significance or relevance of historical records for understanding the past, or utilized historical records to reach new audiences. The activity or contribution being nominated must have occurred within the last 3 years, and may be continuing.

Governor's Archival Advocacy Award – honors an individual or organization in Wisconsin or elsewhere for notable contributions to archival programs through organizational leadership, public advocacy, and financial or volunteer support. The nominated individual or organization must be advocating for Wisconsin programs. The activity or contribution being nominated must be for work that is continuing.

The purpose of the Governor's Awards is to recognize outstanding work being done with Wisconsin's historical records. These awards honor individuals, organizations, and formal programs that make distinctive contributions to historical records preservation and access. You can find more information about past award recipients at: <http://bit.ly/19xyRMP>.

We hope you will consider nominating your own organization, an individual, or recommend another person or organization whose work deserves this special recognition. **The deadline for nominations this year is Friday, April 4, 2014.** Award recipients will be informed in late June. Publicity and recognition usually occur in October, in conjunction with Wisconsin Archives Month.

Background information, eligibility, and criteria; nomination forms; and nomination instructions are available on the Wisconsin Historical Society's website at: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/about/awards/archives.asp>.

If you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to telephone me at (608) 264-6480, or e-mail Samantha Abrams at samantha.abrams@wisconsinhistory.org.

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Thank you helping the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board in their efforts to highlight the important work addressed by those who preserve and provide access to historical records. We look forward to hearing from you.

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