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Dear Friend:

The Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board and the Wisconsin Historical Society invite your nominations for the 2016 Governor’s Archives Awards. Three categories of awards are presented:

The Governor’s Archives Awards recognize outstanding work being done with Wisconsin’s historical records. The awards honor individuals, organizations, and formal programs that make distinctive contributions to historical records preservation and access.

**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 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 three 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.

**These awards are generously supported by Demco Inc., the Wisconsin-based library/archives supply company.**

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, March 25, 2016**. Applicants will be informed of the judges’ decision in May. Publicity and recognition usually occur in October, in conjunction with Archives Month.

Background information, eligibility, and criteria; nomination forms; and nomination instructions are available on the Wisconsin Historical Society’s website at: <http://bit.ly/1mcLPmq>

Please feel free me to contact me if you have any questions about the 2016 Governor’s Archives Award program. 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.

Cordially,

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