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## 5 U.S. Code § 4503 - Agency awards

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The head of an agency may pay a cash award to, and incur necessary expense for the honorary recognition of, an employee who—

**(1)** by his suggestion, invention, superior accomplishment, or other personal effort contributes to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement of Government operations or achieves a significant reduction in paperwork; or

**(2)** performs a special act or service in the public interest in connection with or related to his official employment.

([Pub. L. 89-554](#), Sept. 6, 1966, [80 Stat. 443](#); [Pub. L. 95-454](#), title V, § 502(a), Oct. 13, 1978, [92 Stat. 1183](#).)



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