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Although the ANS Task Force has presented awards on an ad hoc basis to recognize the valued efforts by individuals or organizations in the prevention and management of aquatic invasive species, it lacks a regular awards program or associated selection procedures and criteria. State invasive species councils have developed annual award programs that could be a model for a national approach. This presentation will briefly describe some of these programs, examine their benefits (e.g., public visibility; incentives for proactive efforts), and outline options for piloting an annual awards program that the ANSTF could consider launching in 2012.