

MATTHEW HEYMAN

NBS/NIST: 1978-2008

EDUCATION:

State University of New York at Albany, BA (Environmental Studies and English), 1972
The George Washington University, MA (Science, Technology and Public Policy), 1977

CITATION:

For three decades of service that helped establish a reputation for integrity and world class results for NBS/NIST laboratory and extramural programs, for pioneering efforts in government openness and transparency before these terms were buzzwords, and for substantially improving NBS/NIST's stakeholder communications leading to improved visibility and recognition for its programs.

POSITIONS HELD AT NBS/NIST:

Media Liaison Specialist, Public Information Division, 1978-1979
Chief, Media Liaison, Public Information Division, 1979-1989
Acting Director of Public Affairs, DOC Technology Administration, 1989
Communications Advisor to the DOC Deputy Secretary, 1989-1990
Chief, Public and Business Affairs Division, 1990-2003
Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, 2003-2008

HONORS:

US Department of Commerce Silver Medal (1987) and Gold Medal (2005)
Commerce Science and Technology Fellow (2001-2002)

MEMBERSHIPS:

Platelet Disorder Support Association;
Science and Technology Media Professionals;
Science, Technology & Innovation Policy Professionals;
International Government Relations and Public Affairs

IMPACT:

For exceptional leadership in improving the visibility of NIST research and extramural programs to enhance its focus on better meeting the product, service, and communications needs of its stakeholders. He led an agency-wide change in culture to communicate NBS/NIST research results to the media, Congress, and VIPs as a routine expectation for all. Heyman's leadership strengthen NIST's relationships with Congress, industry associations, universities and other groups that depend on the organization for key deliverables and whose support is necessary for the agency's success. He was a pioneer for government openness and transparency before the concepts were expected as the only acceptable behavior for federal agencies. He played a key role in launching and maintaining three major programs: BNQP, ATP, and MEP from their concept to maturity.