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Department of the Treasury  
**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**  
Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication

recognizes

**Ervin B. Lawson**

VITA Site Web Master & Technology Specialist  
14<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District Tax Clinic

for outstanding public service contributed to your community

through the SPEC (*Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication*)

VITA (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*) and TCE (*Tax Counseling for the Elderly*) Programs.

*Barbara Kuhns*

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Territory Manager  
Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communication

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DATE



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
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ATLANTA, GA 30308

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Dear Volunteer:

Throughout the filing season, as I met with volunteers such as yourself, everyone I asked summed up the 2009 Filing Season in one word: "**Awesome!**"

This word also best describes your contribution and support of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) return preparation programs. Your dedication in volunteering countless hours is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the work that you do, which directly impacts the communities you serve. In today's economy, many Americans are facing job losses and other economic stresses. Because of your assistance with the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and other tax benefits, many individuals and families across the country will have a greater degree of financial stability.

I commend you for the great job you do using your interview skills, tax law knowledge and ability to work with others to deliver a successful filing season. Thank you for your steadfast support and for sharing your talent and skills. You play a critical role in maintaining the integrity and credibility of the VITA/TCE programs.

You are truly awesome and the contributions you make to help your fellow taxpayers are exceptional. We understand there are many worthy causes where you could have dedicated your efforts. We are delighted you chose to volunteer with us and to serve your neighbors in meeting their responsibilities and in receiving all the benefits to which they were entitled. We look forward to serving with you again next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julieta Garcia", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Julieta Garcia, Director  
Stakeholder Partnerships,  
Education and Communication

THANKS A MILLION😊!

Ervin B. Lawson

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Glenna T. Nakamura, IRS Senior Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant, Honolulu, HI  
Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communication  
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