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Advancing Your Success

Michael C. Driver
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Dear Michael,

I am pleased to inform you that the **Materials Research Society** has been chosen to receive an Award of Excellence for your "*Strange Matter*" *Traveling Exhibition* in the *2005 Associations Advance America Awards*.

Each year ASAE recognizes three levels of winners. These are the Summit Award, Award of Excellence, and Honor Roll. You are among the winners of the second level of recognition, the Award of Excellence. This honor automatically puts your entry in the running for the *2005 Associations Advance America Summit Award*, the highest level of recognition. The Summit Awards will be chosen in July.

Your program truly embodies the spirit of the *Associations Advance America* campaign. Please accept the enclosed certificate as ASAE's recognition of your outstanding efforts to make America a better place in which to live.

Enclosed is a kit designed to help you capitalize on this national recognition and draw attention to your association's winning program as well as showcase how Associations Advance America. ASAE will be contacting your members of Congress and state governor's office to alert them to your award. Many of our previous winners have received special commendation from these elected officials. If you have any questions, please call Courtney Gardner, ASAE's Director of Communications, at (202) 626-2734.

Congratulations again on achieving such a high honor. I heartily commend your work.

Sincerely,

John H. Graham IV, CAE
President and CEO

Enclosure

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The Honorable Edward Rendell
225 Main Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Rendell:


I am pleased to inform you that an association in Warrendale, PA – **Materials Research Society** – is one of just 16 organizations nationally to be honored with the American Society of Association Executives' (ASAE) 2005 *Associations Advance America* Award of Excellence this month.

Each year, the Washington, DC-based ASAE recognizes associations and industry partners that advance American society with innovative programs in areas like education, skills training, standard setting, citizenship and community service. Associations often perform vital services in their communities that would otherwise be a governmental responsibility. The *Associations Advance America* Awards not only recognize the unsung work of associations, they truly tell the story of what associations do to members of Congress and other policymakers; local and national media; and the general public.

Materials Research Society was selected to receive the AAA Award of Excellence out of nearly 100 entries for its "Strange Matter" traveling exhibition program, where visitors learn about materials science through hands-on experiences. The hands-on activities, following National Science Education Standards, are designed to encourage exploration and inquiry.

Please join me in congratulating Materials Research Society for their outstanding contribution to our community. The association is headquartered at 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086. Should you need more information about ASAE or the *Associations Advance America* Awards program, please call ASAE's Senior Vice President of Public Policy Jim Clarke at 202/626-2703.

Regards,



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