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RUSSELL WINS ASA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Each year, the national media report on AARP's annual list, "Best Employers for Workers Over 50," which ranks the top corporations for employment of older workers. Deborah R. Russell, the person who established that program—thereby increasing nationwide attention to emerging issues for older workers—was honored this year with the ASA Leadership Award. Presented to a member of the American Society on Aging (ASA) who has made significant contributions to the growth and development of the association, as well as the field of aging, the recognition was bestowed on Russell at the 2007 Joint Conference of ASA and the National Council on Aging in Chicago in March.

Russell, AARP's director of workforce issues, has collaborated with the business community to create employment opportunities that are not only fair and flexible, but also capitalize on the wealth of knowledge and expertise mature workers bring to today's workplace, according to Robyn Golden, chair of the ASA board of directors. Russell leads a team that develops information, programs, technical assistance and practical research. A political science graduate of the University of Maryland, Russell has emerged nationally in recent years as an expert on workforce and employment issues in aging. ❖