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Ms. Sue Buske 4808 T Street

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Dear Sue,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the WCM Board of Directors has chosen you to receive the 2013 WCM Friend of Access Award in recognition of a lifetime of contributions to the field of public, education, and government access television.

The award reads, "In recognition of her work to preserve the true democratic voice of the community – Public, Education, and Government Access Television."

Your leadership on the national level, your assistance to Wisconsin public access stations during start-ups and franchise renewals that enabled them to serve their communities well for many years, your willingness to always give over-the-phone advice and fly across the country to our conferences has endeared you to the access community here in Wisconsin.

We are thrilled to be able to present this honor to you at this particular conference because it is being co-sponsored by the Midwest Region of the Alliance for Community Media (ACM). This nine-state area also has a deep appreciation for what you have contributed to access, especially since you served as the first executive director of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers, the forerunner to ACM, and served at various times on its national board.

Past recipients have included Representative Tammy Baldwin, Attorneys Anita Gallucci and Joe Van Eaton, Dr. Barry Orton, and several state legislators.

WCM will present this award to you at our Best of the Midwest Video Fest Show being held during our annual Spring Conference on Friday, April 26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Milwaukee Downtown. We invite you and a guest to the Exhibitor Reception beginning at 5:30 pm, the Banquet at 6:30 pm and, of course, the Show that follows.

Congratulations, Sue! Truly, you are one of the best friends access has ever had!

Sincerely,

Mary Cardona Executive Director

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