



## The Coastal America Awards Program Call for 2009 Nominations

**“I applaud and support you in your efforts to bring together collective resources to meet common goals and better our coastal environment. Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.” *Barack Obama***

(Excerpt from a partnership award letter)

The Coastal America Awards Program, established in 1997, recognizes outstanding efforts and excellence in leadership for protecting, preserving and restoring the nation's coastal resources and ecosystems.

### Criteria for Partnership and Spirit Awards

- At least one federal agency partner, as well as one non-federal entity must be involved in the project.
- The project must demonstrate a contribution to the Coastal America objectives: (1) to protect, preserve and restore the Nation's coastal resources; and/or (2) to increase public awareness and education.
- The project should demonstrate an innovative way of accomplishing shared goals with positive environmental results.



The Carpinteria, CA Salt Marsh Restoration Team received one of six 2008 Partnership Awards at an onsite ceremony

### Criteria for Special Recognition Awards

- Must be a non-federal organization.
- Organization must demonstrate a significant or innovative contribution to coastal restoration, preservation, protection, and/or an increase in public awareness and education.



Chicago's Shedd Aquarium receives a 2007 Special Recognition Award from EPA's Assistant Administrator for Water

### Application Information

**Nomination Applications Due: July 31, 2009**

**Application:** The nomination form is available online: <http://www.coastalamerica.gov/award> program page.

**Selection Process:** Coastal America National and Regional Teams will review nominations.

**Notification:** Nominees will be notified by September 2009. Coastal America will work with award winners to schedule ceremonies at regional locations.

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