

2003 Travelers of the Year Awards

In October 2002, *Healthcare Traveler* shone the spotlight on three dozen, exceptional mobile providers in its first-ever "Travelers of the Year" showcase. This year, we've decided to kick things up a notch. In addition to seeing their names and accolades from staffing firm executives in print, 52 travelers—who have been nominated by their respective companies—will receive certificates commemorating the occasion and the award featured on the cover of this month's issue.

How are traveling healthcare professionals selected for this distinguished recognition? Representatives of participating agencies had the arduous task of choosing only one individual as their company's "Traveler of the Year." Loyalty, flexibility, work ethic, dependability, length of service, and reputation played a part in their decisions. Clinical expertise, years of experience, and rave reviews from contract facilities were likely factors, too, as well as each honoree's personal qualities and outstanding achievements.

From their enthusiasm for accepting, and delighting in, new challenges, to their steadfast dedication to excellence in patient care, this year's esteemed group of extraordinary mobile providers exemplifies professionalism and the spirit of traveling. *Healthcare Traveler* is pleased to present 2003's "best of the best."

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Joyce Pulatie, RN

Travel Company: Aureus Medical Group

Specialty: NICU

Years Traveling: 2 1/2

Years Traveling with Company: 2 1/2

Number of Assignments with Company: 4

Nominated by: Eric Renteria, Staffing Supervisor

▶ "Joyce is a true pleasure! Her willingness to

work hard—an average of almost 53 hours a week—dedication to her patients, and ability to remain devoted to her husband and children back home make her an extraordinary example to us all. Contract facilities have given Joyce nothing but rave reviews and wish she would become a member of their permanent staffs! She is a joy to work with, thanks to her upbeat attitude and flexibility. Joyce makes our company proud, and we look forward to continuing to work with her in the future!" **HT**

Special thanks to all those representatives of travel companies who met the challenge of selecting a 2003 Traveler of the Year. The staff of Healthcare Traveler wishes each of these unique and outstanding providers the best as they further their careers and expand their professional horizons.