

Public Policy Award

The 2008 Public Policy Award winner has been a champion of the Unemployment Insurance System, and he has worked diligently to protect and support the employees of that system. Recently Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. Written into that law were the provisions to modernize the UI system largely due to the efforts of the 2008 Public Policy Award winner.

The Congressman's efforts did not begin there. He worked over the years on two pieces of legislation which directly impact and support the UI system.

IAWP appreciates the efforts of this leader from the State of Washington and nominated by the District of Columbia Chapter. The **2009 IAWP Public Policy Award** is proudly presented to the Honorable Jim McDermott, U.S. Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives.