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**DOH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RECEIVES  
GOLDEN PEN AWARD**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) recognizes Daniel Parker, the Assistant Division Director of Environmental Health, as this year's Golden Pen Award recipient at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Meeting and Trade Show in Sarasota, presented by the Florida Environmental Health Association (FEHA).

The Golden Pen Award is presented to a contributor of the FEHA Journal who challenges the field of environmental health and provides a plan on how to face a newer, more holistic view of this area of study. The FEHA Journal informs members about new programs, cutting-edge ideas, and ongoing issues by providing updates on environmental health-related matters.

"I congratulate Daniel Parker for his dedication to Public Health," said DOH Secretary M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. "His innovative ideas pave the way for future programming endeavors in the field of environmental health."

In the September 2005 issue of the FEHA Journal, Parker's winning article identifies ever-increasing needs and continually shrinking budgets. His article identified ways to work towards success by listening to communities, maintaining a robust work force, enhancing representation in arenas that matter, and improving the marketing of environmental health. Parker also recommends embracing a more cohesive delivery of services along with better cooperation with fellow agencies to meet the needs of the public. He promotes early involvement in local land use decision-making and the best use of technology while maintaining long-term budgeting needs.

The Florida Environmental Health Association (FEHA) is a non-profit association serving the environmental health profession in the State of Florida. FEHA is an organization comprised of environmental health professionals who work to protect and enhance the health of the general public through monitoring and control of environmental risks. The mission of the Association is to enhance the professional integrity, knowledge, and working conditions of the environmental health professional, as well as to promote the social and economic conditions of its members. FEHA is an affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association. For more information on the Florida Department of Health, please visit [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us).

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