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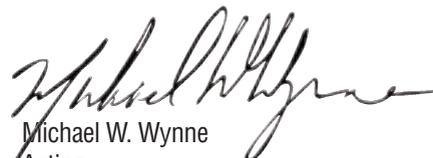
SUBJECT: David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award Nominations

As in previous years, I am soliciting your nominations for the annual David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award. This award recognizes organizations, groups, and teams that have demonstrated exemplary innovation and best acquisition practices. Each Military Department and the Defense Logistics Agency may submit nominations for up to five teams and all other Components and OUSD(AT&L) principals may nominate two teams. Specific guidelines on the eligibility, nomination, and selection criteria are contained in the attachment and will be followed in the review process.

This year the ceremony for the presentation of the David Packard awards will be held in the fall of 2004. This will ensure sufficient time for nominees to evaluate and determine their exemplary performance for the calendar year 2003. **Please submit nominations no later than July 1, 2004, to:**

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L)
ATTN: Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy
3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E1044
Washington, DC 20301-3060

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Modular Integrated Communications Helmet (MICH), Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) (TC-2000 Ballistic Helmet) – Rick Elder, Mike Rowan, Scott Bennet, George Schultheiss, Norm Fanning, Army Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Brad Halling, Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Nacy, MSA

Cooling/Heating Body Garment and Method of Manufacturing – Steven Szczesuil, Roger Masadi, Matthew Correa, Brad Laprise, Walter Teal, Lynne Hennessey

Interceptor Multiple Threat Body Armor – James Mackiewicz, Deirdre Townes, Gary Proulx, Victor Palumbo, James Zheng

Clothing Breathability Tester – Phillip Gibson, Cyrus Kendrick, Donald Rivin

Ripcord Grip Insert (RGI) for the Modified Improved Reserve Parachute System – Gary Thibault, Arthur Phelps, Junior Christmas, Edward Spaulding, Andrew Simpson, Randall Natches

Dual Use Military Mobility System – James Sadeck

Screamer System – Joe McGrath (USARIEM), Justin Barber, Richard Benney, Ted Strong, Bruce Markell

Selectively Permeable Membrane Based Chemical/Biological Protective Field Duty Uniform – Quoc Truong, Eugene Wilusz

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HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS (HQMC) (JAN. 7, 2004) IMPROVING MARINE CORPS, NAVY, AND DOD BUSINESS PROCESSES

The Marine Corps is seeking ideas for improving its business processes, those activities by which it buys goods and services for, or otherwise provides support to, the combat forces. These need not be limited to the Marine Corps but may also have application for the Department of the Navy (DoN) and/or the Department of Defense (DoD). While this is an ongoing search, it has been given renewed emphasis by a September 2003 memorandum from the Acting Secretary of the Navy soliciting new business improvement initiatives, particularly those that are of broader Departmental or strategic effect.

The Marine Corps Business Enterprise (MCBE) office is the Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) executive agent for the Marine Corps Business Reform/Improvement Pro-

gram. It is responsible for advocating new ideas, advancing those that have promise, and promulgating those that work.

Suggestions for business process improvements, including those that could apply to the DoN or the DoD, should be submitted to the MCBE office. A submission form and instructions have been posted on the MCBE Web site < <http://lrhome.hqmc.usmc.mil/busplan1.nsf/main?openframeset> > under the "Business Initiative Council" category. Initiatives may be submitted via the chain of command at any time with a copy via e-mail to the MCBE. The MCBE office will evaluate suggestions and forward them to the DoN and/or DoD as appropriate.

To promote promising ideas, a "Marine Corps Productivity Investment Account" (MCPIA) has been established to provide modest amounts of execution year funds for immediate funding. The submission form contains a field to request use of this funding source. The Web site also contains a description of this account.

Some examples of successful business process improvements that have been introduced or championed by the Marine Corps are:

- Web-based receipting and invoicing that permits faster payments to vendors and reduces the \$40+ million the DoD currently pays annually in interest penalties;
- A Marine Corps initiative to make it easier to introduce brand new technologies during program execution thereby fielding more up-to-date equipment.
- Streamlining air traffic control system responsibilities.

These initiatives, together with other internal Marine Corps activities such as the increased use of cost and performance management data, have collectively contributed significantly to improvements in Marine Corps business processes.

Each command and HQMC staff element has been requested to submit at least one new initiative that would likely improve business performance to the MCBE Office on a quarterly basis.

The point of contact for business performance initiatives and the MCPIA fund is Dr. Eric E. West, HQMC(LR), at DSN 224-5804, or e-mail westee@hqmc.usmc.mil.

NEW AF-LEVEL ACQUISITION TRANSFORMATION AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition (SAF/AQ) is proud to announce new individual and team awards designed to recognize

top performers in the leadership of defense acquisition programs. The introduction of these new awards gives the Air Force several new ways to recognize noteworthy achievements to promote agile acquisition and delivery of capability to the warfighter. For the first time, several individual awards are targeted specifically at members of the acquisition management career field (military 63AX and civilian 1101). The new Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2835, *Annual Acquisition Awards Programs*, dated Oct. 30, 2003, reflects these changes. Specifically:

- Chapter 1 now contains Acquisition Transformation Awards, including the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award and The Agile Acquisition Transformation Leadership Award.
- Chapter 2 contains the Acquisition Leadership Awards, including the John J. Welch Jr., Award and the Daedalian Weapons System Award.
- Chapter 3 contains Contracting Awards. Changes include a reduction in the number of award categories; modification of the award evaluation criteria; and revision of internal tables and figures.
- There are no changes in Chapter 4.
- Chapter 5 has been added to include the nomination process for the Science and Engineer Awards Program. This chapter establishes three new Air Force-level awards: Air Force Outstanding Scientist Award; Air Force Outstanding Engineer Award; and Air Force Outstanding Science and Engineering Educator Award.

Questions may be addressed to Lisa Hughes, SAF/AQXD, POC for these awards, at DSN 425-7133 or commercial 703-588-7133.

OASA(ALT) BULLETIN (FEBRUARY 2004) ACQUISITION SOURCE SELECTION INTERACTIVE SUPPORT TOOL SOURCE SELECTION EVALUATIONS

The Acquisition Source Selection Interactive Support Tool (ASSIST) is an automated source selection application that is used to manage and evaluate information in the context of a competitive acquisition. The tool is highly sophisticated and can be used for formal or informal source selection evaluations of any dollar value. The ASSIST tool is seamlessly integrated with the Army Single Face to Industry, formerly known as the Interactive Business Opportunities Page.

For Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) members, the ASSIST tool provides easy online access to the proposal and solicitation (including cross-references), as well as online generation of evaluation reports and items

for negotiation. It also incorporates an evaluation rollup capability, online negotiations, workflow tracking throughout the processes, and a standardized format with which to correspond with offerors and other evaluators on or off site. In addition, for Source Selection Advisory Councils (SSACs) it provides "management views" for full insight into all aspects of the evaluation process and the status of the overall evaluation process. The ASSIST tool utilizes commercial Web application, as opposed to the current source selection process, which is dependent upon a consecutive series of reviews, assessments, and communication exchanges amongst and between SSEB and SSAC members. As the ASSIST tool is collaborative and interactive, sequential actions may be conducted in parallel potentially resulting in significant time and dollar savings.

While this tool has now been institutionalized for use, it is the product of an initiative developed by the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command (CECOM) Acquisition Center and the Office of Command Counsel for use by the Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program in 1999. The tool implements a large number of acquisition reform concepts devised in recent years. It also embodies those fundamental changes occasioned by the Federal Acquisition Regulation 15 rewrite and source selection practices perfected at CECOM.

The ASSIST tool was used by Program Executive Officer Command, Control, Communications Tactical for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Cluster five-source selection evaluation board. ASSIST will also be used by the Program Executive Officer Intelligence-Electronic Warfare and Sensors for the pending Aerial Common Sensors source selection evaluation. There is also potential for the some of the Iraq reconstruction source selections to be conducted using the tool.

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OASA(ALT) BULLETIN (FEBRUARY 2004) NATICK EMPLOYEES GRADUATE FROM NAVAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

Thirty members of Natick's acquisition and technology workforce graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School's Advanced Acquisition program (AAP) on Dec. 19, 2003. The one-year program was designed for both acquisition workforce and other professionals working the DoD acquisition and program management process. The AAP provides a flexible, on-site alternative for education and for meeting Program Management (PM) Level III acquisition training and certification requirements. The three-phased program was designed to accommodate professionals unable to travel away from the office for weeks of education. Natick hosted the program via a combination of video teleconference sessions and on-site classroom instructions. The program ran from Jan. 8 to Dec. 19, 2003. Attendees received certificates for completion of the equivalent of ACQ 101, ACQ 201, PMT 250, and PMT 352. Those attending the program are currently in the PM acquisition career field, or in other acquisition career fields that directly support a PM office. This will allow them to fulfill the experience requirements for attaining Level III certification in the PM acquisition career field. Because of the AAP, this year Natick will see on-site program management Level III certifications go from the previous three to 33.

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DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY BUSINESS ALLIANCE AWARDS (JAN. 20, 2004)

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The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) at Fort Belvoir, Va., honored 17 industry partners, customers, and individuals at its Business Alliance Awards Ceremony, on Jan. 20. The award recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to partner with DLA to complete the Agency's mission to provide supplies and services to America's war fighters. The Defense Logistics Agency's director, Vice Admiral Keith W. Lippert, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, presented the annual awards during a luncheon at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax, Va.

Industry representatives and DLA customers were recognized in seven categories:

Vendor Excellence

- Procurenent, Inc., 2 Madison Road, Fairfield, N.J. 07004 (small business)
- Propper International, Inc., 1040 Calle, WF Brennan, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00680 (large business)

- Benchmade Knife Company, 300 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, Ore. 97045 (small disadvantaged business)

Innovative Business Performer of the Year

- King Nutronics Corporation, 6421 Independence Avenue, Woodland Hills, Calif. 91367 (small business)
- Air British Petroleum, 28100 Torch Parkway, Warrenville, Ill. 60555 (large business)
- GTA Containers, Inc., 4201 Linden Avenue, South Bend, Ind. 46619 (small disadvantaged business)
- Camel Manufacturing Company, 176 Luther Seiber Lane, Pioneer, Tenn. 37847 (women-owned small business)

New Contractor of the Year

- Dixie Chemical Company, Inc., 300 Jackson Hill St., Houston, Texas 77007 (small business)

Outstanding Readiness Support

- WATEC, Inc., 1570 Muzzys Road, Urbana, Ohio 43078 (small business)
- Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems, 528 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, Mass. 01776 (large business)
- Aspen Systems, Inc., 184 Cedar Hill St., Marlborough, Mass. 01752 (small disadvantaged business)
- Magnaco Industries, Inc., 322 Lake Ave., Hartsville, Ohio (women-owned small business)

Outstanding Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program Vendor

- Human Technologies, 2260 Dwyar Ave., Utica, N.Y. 13501 (NISH)
- North Central Sight Services, 901 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, Pa. 17701 (NIB)

Customer of the Year

- Department of Defense Customer-TRICARE Southwest and Central Tri-Service Business Office, 7800 IH-10 West, Suite 315, San Antonio, Texas 78230
- Non-Department of Defense Customer-Lockheed Martin Corporation, 6801 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Commander's Choice Award

- Lt. Col. Van L. Poindexter, Jr., Weapon Systems Support Flight Commander, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

The Defense Logistics Agency provides supply support, and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness, or day-to-day operations.