

Carter Announces 2010 Acquisition Award Program Winners

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The Defense Acquisition Workforce is more than 145,000 strong, and possesses a broad spectrum of technical expertise, program skills, and institutional knowledge. To recognize and reward their efforts, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Dr. Ashton B. Carter recently announced the results of three 2010 acquisition award programs: the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award, the USD(AT&L) Workforce Achievement Award, and the USD(AT&L) Workforce Development Award.

David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award

On Nov. 2, three program teams, selected from a field that included 22 nominated teams, received the Packard for outstanding accomplishments on their programs. Carter, joined by Defense Acquisition University Acting President James McMichael, presented the awards at a luncheon held in conjunction with the first day of the Program Executive Officers'/Systems Command (PEO/SYSCOM) Commanders' Conference at Fort Belvoir, Va. The winners are:

The **Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System-International Security Assistance Force (CX-I) (Army)** team, for its rapid response in addressing a critical gap in electronic data sharing among coalition partners in Afghanistan.

The **F-35 Radar Electronic Protection (Navy)** team, for its innovation and agility in responding to rapid changes and updates to software-based jamming systems, and successfully demonstrating a quantum leap in performance

against enemy jammers designed to meet an advanced threat.

The **Aegis Readiness Assessment Vehicle (Missile Defense Agency)** team, for its innovative acquisition practices in building, integrating, and launching eight ballistic missile targets, including a new, highly sophisticated vehicle that provided the United States with the ability to test against complicated threat representative countermeasures.

"Congratulations to the award winners," Carter said, "and to those nominated as well, for their dedication in supporting the warfighter and contributing to our national security."

Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn, the luncheon speaker, also joined in congratulating the winners. The Packard award is the most prestigious team award within the Department of Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) community. It recognizes organizations, groups, and teams that have demonstrated exemplary innovation and best practices in acquisition.

2010 DAVID PACKARD EXCELLENCE IN ACQUISITION AWARDS

The 2010 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards were presented to three outstanding teams on Nov. 2, 2010, at Fort Belvoir, Va., by Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton B. Carter and Defense Acquisition University Acting President James McMichael.



The Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System-International Security Assistance Force (CX-I) (Army) Team

Front row, from left: Carter; Jennifer Zbozny; Army Lt. Col. Bob Backman; McMichael. Back row, from left: Bill Sverapa, Mary Woods, John Kays, Garry Vittorini, Matt Iannelli, Doug Wiltsie, Army Brig. Gen. Tom Cole.

The F-35 Radar Electronic Protection (Navy) Team

From left: Navy Vice Adm. David J. Venlet; McMichael; Mark Strayer; Dave Black; Bill Dooley; Air Force Col. Tim Morris; Doug Ebersole; Carter.



The Aegis Readiness Assessment Vehicle (Missile Defense Agency) Team

From left: Tom Johnson; McMichael; John Winstead; Navy Rear Adm. Joseph Horn; Carter; Tim Troske.

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USD(AT&L) Workforce Development Award

On Nov. 3, the second day of the PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall and Defense Acquisition University Acting President James McMichael recognized seven winners of the 2010 USD(AT&L) Workforce Development Award. As with the previous day's awards, the ceremony was held at a luncheon in conjunction with the PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference. The accomplishments of the award winners are varied, but all illustrate many creative and innovative initiatives in developing comprehensive learning and development programs for their workforces. The winners are:

Large Organization Category

Gold Award—Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport

Silver Award—U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center

Bronze Award—U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center

Bronze Award—Air Force Global Logistics Support Center

Small Organization Category

Gold Award—Cost and Systems Analysis Office, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command

Silver Award—Air Force Security Assistance Center

Bronze Award—Office of Naval Research

The 2010 USD(AT&L) Workforce Development Award recognizes Department of Defense institutions that have made exemplary contributions to the career-long development of their workforces. These organizations, both large and small, make it their mission to strengthen their existing team.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen, luncheon guest speaker, joined Kendall in commending the winners and encouraged them to keep sharing the best practices contained in their award submissions.

"By doing so," Kendall told the award recipients, "you are all helping to recruit, develop, and retain a mission-ready Defense Acquisition Workforce."

2010 USD(AT&L) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The 2010 USD(AT&L) Workforce Development Awards were presented to seven outstanding organizations on Nov. 3, 2010, at Fort Belvoir, Va., by Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall and Defense Acquisition University Acting President James McMichael.



**Gold—Large Organization
Winner: Naval Undersea Warfare
Center Division, Keyport**

From left: Frances Shaw, head of Operations Services Department; Amanda Andrikopoulos, Strategic Goal Mentoring team member; Navy Capt. Stephen Iwanowicz, commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport.

**Silver—Large Organization
Winner: U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC)**

From left: Dr. Grace Bochenek, director, U.S. Army TARDEC; Marque Cryderman, human capital manager, TARDEC.



**Bronze—Large Organization
Winner: U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research,
Development and Engineering Center**

Edward Doucette, director, Warfighter Protection and Aerial Delivery Directorate.

**Bronze—Large Organization
Winner: Air Force Global Logistics
Support Center**

From left: Ray Forcier, chief, Workforce Development; Denise Rogers, deputy director, 406th Supply Chain Management Squadron.



**Gold—Small Organization
Winner: Cost and Systems
Analysis Office, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle
Management Command**

From left: Richard Bazy, chief, Cost and Systems Analysis, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command; David Holm, chief, TACOM Cost Analysis (Tactical); Diane Hohn, project officer, Cost and Systems Analysis.

**Silver—Small Organization
Winner: Air Force Security Assistance Center**

From left: Dr. Schneata Shyne-Turner, chief, Workforce Development; Minerva "Minnie" Pepperman, program analyst, Workforce Development.



**Bronze—Small Organization
Winner: Office of Naval Research**

From left: Dr. Joseph Lawrence, director of transition, Office of Naval Research; Margaret Mitchell, director, Civilian Personnel Programs.

USD(AT&L) Workforce Achievement Award

Also at the Nov. 3 luncheon, Kendall recognized eight outstanding members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce with the 2010 USD(AT&L) Workforce Achievement Award. The winners are:

Contract Auditing

Army Col. Frank Steinbugl, Defense Contract Management Agency, for expertly crafting the contract administration tactics, techniques, and procedures that allowed the simultaneous stabilization of Iraq and commencing of the largest drawdown of forces since World War II.

Business

Mary Kathleen Allen, U.S. Air Force, for managing all financial resources for the \$8 billion portfolio of Miniature Munitions and providing expert advice to program leadership for the efficient and transparent allocation of program resources in direct support of the Small Diameter Bomb Increment I, Focused Lethality Munition, and Small Diameter Bomb Increment II.

Contracting and Procurement (including Industrial/Contract Property Management, Contract Oversight, Quality Assurance)

Patrick Losse, Defense Contract Management Agency, for voluntarily assuming responsibility for all Quality Assurance functions of a program identified by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates as the most critical acquisition program in the Department of Defense, coordinating government inspection of 1,000 armored Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV) per month in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Program Management (including Information Technology)

Margaret E. G. McCaskey, U.S. Special Operations Command, for unparalleled program management and leadership in the acquisition and sustainment of United States Special Operations Command Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance systems.

Life Cycle Logistics

Barry Thrower, U.S. Army, for his exceptional level of support as Director of Logistics, Close Combat Weapon Systems (CCWS) Project Office, for the CCWS family of weapon systems, which are fielded throughout all units in the U.S. Army, the United States Marine Corps, and numerous international customers, involving a number of

accelerated fieldings of multiple configurations to units deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (including Production, Quality, and Manufacturing)

James F. Carter, U.S. Air Force, for leading the development and fielding of the first Directed Energy Non-Lethal weapon system—the Active Denial System; providing the engineering and program management leadership for the Small Diameter Bomb Increments I and II weapon development programs; developing a U.S. Air Force program office for medium caliber ammunition for airborne platforms; and revitalizing the Air Armament Center's engineering workforce.

Test and Evaluation

Stuart Butts, U.S. Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E), for leading technical activities surrounding the OT&E of the \$299 billion F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the largest acquisition program in the history of the Department of Defense, and the Secretary of Defense-designated No. 1 fighter acquisition priority.

Acquisition in an Expeditionary Environment

Dave Seagle, U.S. Navy, for outstanding support as the Broad Area Maritime Surveillance-Demonstrator Integrated Product Team Lead, managing all technical and acquisition aspects of the program's requirements; and providing over half of the total maritime intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) to Central Command in 2009 and 2010, freeing multiple manned maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft to participate in other high-value ISR activities.

The 2010 USD(AT&L) Workforce Achievement Award encourages and recognizes individual acquisition excellence by members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce. The eight different functional categories of the award all represent critical areas of the acquisition process.

"I commend all those individuals who were nominated for the 2010 [Workforce] Achievement Award. You represent the many high-performing and conscientious professionals dedicated to our mission," said Kendall. "I thank each of you for your effort."

More detailed information about the award winners and the application process is available at www.dau.mil/acqawards.

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Contract Auditing
Winner: Army Col. Frank Steinbugl, commander, Defense Contract Management Agency-Iraq.



Business
Winner: Mary Kathleen Allen, chief of finance, 918th Armament Systems Group, U.S. Air Force.

Contracting and Procurement (including Industrial/Contract Property Management, Contract Oversight, Quality Assurance)

Winner: Patrick Losse, quality coordinator, Defense Contract Management Agency Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All Terrain Vehicle.



Program Management (including Information Technology)

Winner: Margaret E. G. McCaskey, program manager, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, U.S. Special Operations Command.





Life Cycle Logistics

Winner: Barry Thrower, director of logistics, Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office, U.S. Army.



Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (including Production, Quality, and Manufacturing)

Winner: James F. Carter, team lead, U.S. Air Force Active Denial System and Small Diameter Bomb Increments I and II.



Test and Evaluation

Winner: Stuart Butts, technical lead, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, U.S. Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation.



Acquisition in an Expeditionary Environment

Winner: Dave Seagle, team lead, U.S. Navy Broad Area Maritime Surveillance-Demonstrator Integrated Product Team.