



Army Presents Acquisition Manager Awards

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Aug. 8, 2001) — The product manager of the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile and the project manager of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system (THAAD) were recognized as managers of the year Aug. 7 under the Secretary of the Army Acquisition Awards Program.

[The] Commander of the Acquisition Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Commander of Defense Contract Management (DCM), San Francisco, Calif., also received Acquisition Commander of the Year awards at the ceremony in Atlanta, Ga.

Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern presented the awards at the 2001 Annual Army Acquisition Workshop and Executive Session, [held] at the Omni Hotel (CNN Center) in Atlanta. Kern is the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology and the Director, Acquisition Career Management Office.

“Warfighting commanders count on the acquisition community to purchase essential supplies and services. Soldiers depend on us for the equipment necessary to deploy rapidly, win decisively, and come home safely. These awards represent outstanding achievements and teamwork within our organization,” Kern said.

The Secretary of the Army [Acquisition] Awards for Program, Project, and Product Manager of the Year and Acquisition Commander of the Year winners are:

PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Col. Patrick J. O’Reilly, project manager for THAAD, implemented a \$10 billion Life Cycle Cost Reduction Initiative and won three of four Department of Defense Value Engineering Awards in fiscal 2000.

PRODUCT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Lt. Col. Edward L. Mullin, product manager for the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 Missile Program, reduced average unit production cost by 40 percent and achieved a 100 percent success rate during developmental testing.

ACQUISITION COMMANDER OF THE YEAR-COLONEL LEVEL

Col. William N. Phillips, Commander, DCM, San Francisco, implemented an improvement plan for contract closeouts, decreasing backlogs by 35 percent. He also developed a plan for relocation with an expected savings of \$10.7 million. DCM San Francisco is now used as a benchmark for other commands to assess their performance.

ACQUISITION COMMANDER OF THE YEAR-LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEVEL

Lt. Col. George P. Slagle, Commander, National Training Center, Acquisition Center, implemented a Cost-Plus-Award Fee program with incentives, ensuring contractors stay within the original contract cost.

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