

Mentor-Protege Conference Setting for 2002 Nunn-Perry Awards

Extending a Helping Hand

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Recognizing the best of the big guy-little guy relationships fostered by the Mentor-Protégé program, the 2002 Nunn-Perry awards selected 12 partnerships for commendation on March 20, during this year's Mentor-Protégé conference. Named for Sam Nunn, the former senator who initiated the program in 1990, and William Perry, former Secretary of Defense who helped launch the program, the awards laud the success stories resulting from partnering a big business with a smaller one to create a mutually beneficial relationship that brings quality and economy to government contracts.

The Nunn-Perry awards serve as the highlight of the Mentor-Protégé Conference, an annual event that brings together all participants in the process with representatives from the Department of Defense for seminars, presentations, and discussion. The program is designed to provide incentives for major DoD prime contractors, "Mentors," to help "Protégés": small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs), women-owned businesses, and qualified organizations that employ the severely disabled.

With the Mentors' technical and business expertise, Protégés hope to successfully compete for prime contract and subcontract awards. Successful Mentor-Protégé partnerships create a winning relationship for both the companies and the DoD.

Presenting the awards this year at a ceremony held in Crystal City, Va., were Michael W. Wynne, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Frank Ramos, Director, Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

In his keynote speech, Wynne recognized the courage and initiative necessary to start a small business, and the need for established, larger companies to extend a helping hand to new companies in the hopes of creating a mutually beneficial and rewarding relationship. To learn more about the Mentor-Protégé Program, visit their Web site (www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu/mentor_protégé).



George Schultz, DoD Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, and Frank Ramos, Director, Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization, explain the Nunn-Perry Awards Program.



Michael W. Wynne, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Frank Ramos, Director, Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization, present the Nunn-Perry Awards at the DoD Mentor-Protégé Conference March 20 in Crystal City, Va.

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AMEC Earth Environmental—Bering Sea Eccotech

Protégé: William Arterburn, Bering Sea Eccotech, Anchorage, Alaska;

Mentor: Michael Brainard, AMEX Earth Environmental, Chantilly, Va.;



Battelle Memorial Institute—MTS Technologies

Mentor: Robert Acker, Battelle Memorial Institute, Arlington, Va.; **Pro-**

tégé: Daniel Perkins, MTS Technologies, Arlington, Va.; Principal

Deputy USD(AT&L) Michael W. Wynne; and Frank Ramos, Director, Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization.



Bell Helicopter Textron—Valco Manufacturing

Mentor: Don Collings, Bell Helicopter Textron, Hurst, Texas.; **Protégé:** Roger Valdez, Valco Manufacturing Corp., Duncan, Okla.; and Wynne.



Computer Sciences Corp.—3D Research

Protégé: Lisa Williams, 3D Research Corp., Huntsville, Ala.; **Mentor:** Terry Glasgow, Computer Sciences Corp., Falls Church, Va.; Wynne; and Ramos.



Foster Wheeler Environmental—Nobis Engineering

Protégé: Nannu Nobis, Nobis Engineering Inc., Concord, N.H.; **Mentor:** Gene Blake, Foster Wheeler Environmental, Langhorne, Pa.; Wynne; and Ramos.



HJ Ford Associates—HMR TECH

Mentor: Patrick Shannon, HJ Ford Associates Inc., Arlington, Va.; **Pro-** **tégé:** Hezekiah Richardson, HMR TECH, LLC, Arlington, Va.; Wynne; and Ramos.



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HydroGeoLogic, Inc.—MicroPact Engineering, Inc.
Ramos; **Mentor:** Kris Collo, HydroGeoLogic, Inc., Herndon, Va. Not
shown in photo is **Protégé:** Micropact Engineering, Inc., Herndon, Va.



Raytheon—Basic Electronics

Ramos; **Protégé:** Nancy Balzano, Basic Electronics, Garden Grove,
Calif.; **Mentor:** Jim Boyle and Dan Ryan, Raytheon Naval & Maritime In-
tegrated Systems, Portsmouth, R.I.; and Wynne.



Roy F. Weston—Charter Environmental

Ramos; **Mentor:** Bruce Campbell, Roy F. Weston, Manchester, N.H.;
Protégé: Robert Delhome, Charter Environmental Inc., Chelsea, Mass.;
and Wynne.



TRW Space & Electronics—Coast/ACM

Protégé: Benjamin Nguyen, Coast/ACM, Los Angeles, Calif.; **Mentor:** Al
Boldon, TRW Space & Electronics, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Wynne; and
Ramos.



SAIC—Noesis

Ramos; **Mentor:** Richard Eger, Science Applications International Corp.,
San Diego, Calif.; **Protégé:** Richard Martin, Noesis Inc., Manassas, Va.;
and Wynne.



TRW Space & Electronics—Hurlen

Ramos; **Protégé:** Jay Hurtado and Henry Pena Hurlen Corp., Santa Fe
Springs, Calif.; **Mentor:** Al Boldon, TRW Space & Electronics, Redondo
Beach, Calif.; and Wynne.

