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DAE CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO ARMY WINNERS

The Defense Acquisition Executive Certificate of Achievement (DAE Certificate) was established to enable the Defense Acquisition Executive to provide personal recognition to individuals, groups, or teams who have made exceptional contributions to the Department's acquisition programs and systems or the improvement of life cycle costs. The ideas, processes, and methods of each recipient promote acquisition reform goals and help achieve best value for the government and our nation's warfighters.

Five Army teams were selected to receive the DAE Certificate for Calendar Year 2002. Claude M. Bolton Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition Logistics and Technology) and Army Acquisition Executive, with the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (ASC) as agent, presented these awards on August 14, 2003, at the Acquisition Senior Leaders' Conference in Seattle, Wash.

- The **Product Management Office, Telecommunications Systems** of Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), was the recipient of two certificates. Team members were heavily involved in the Pentagon renovation project, greatly contributing to the successful restoration of the Pentagon information technology infrastructure by the one-year anniversary of the attack on 9-11. In the Program Management category, the **Telecommunications Systems Team** embraced the challenge of moving Pentagon personnel back into their offices and helping restore critical communications operations.
- The PEO EIS Team from the **Product Management Office, Defense Message System**, was recognized in the Program Management category and achieved the radical redesign of the Army's Tactical Message System—taking it from concept through test in just six months. The result was program transformation to a reliable, on-time system that will directly benefit soldiers in the field. The redesign also saves more than \$85 million in life cycle costs for the Army.
- The **M45 Chemical Biological Mask Team, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense**, was recognized for achievements that directly benefit soldiers in the field. The M45 Team was recognized in the category of Program Management for incorporating new technologies and designs to address the previous mask's performance limitations via innovative partnerships with parts vendors and other product improvement strategies. Their efforts reduced life cycle costs by more than \$2.6 million.

- The **Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Team** was recognized in the Industrial Property Management category. The ARMS Team used innovative acquisition reform policies to save the Army approximately \$40 million by attracting commercial tenants into Army Acquisition Plants. They have lowered disposal costs of facilities, created and sustained more than 3,000 jobs, and provided approximately \$395 million in economic impact to local communities.

The DAE Certificate of Achievement can be awarded at any time of the year at the DAE's discretion, and is the appropriate award to highlight and reward individuals and teams that have made outstanding contributions to the acquisition system through innovative acquisition management techniques.

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BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM ACQUISITION SUPPORT DIVISION HONORED WITH ARMY AWARD FOR CONTRACTING EXCELLENCE

On Aug. 11, 2003, the Brigade Combat Team (BCT) Acquisition Support Division was awarded the Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Systems Contracting at a special ceremony during the PARC [Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting] Conference in Seattle, Wash. This Team award for Systems Contracting also includes counterparts from the General Dynamics Land Systems' (GDLS) Contracting office. The government-contractor team works closely with contractors and other government personnel across the country and Canada. This is the second straight year that the team has won the Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting.

The Secretary of Army recognition is awarded annually to teams and individuals selected from those nominated for their exceptional contracting efforts in support of their particular missions. The criteria for the team contracting awards include the following:

- Outstanding mission accomplishment - demonstrated customer service
- Contracting efficiency—reducing contract costs
- Human resource management—certification, training, and recognition programs
- Contracting innovation and process improvement—implementation of Acquisition Reform and streamlining (reducing cycle times and non-value-added processes)

The members of the BCT Acquisition Support Division met the challenge of ever accelerating expectations demanded by a program concurrently moving through development,

test, and fielding. Contracts normally done sequentially had to be coordinated concurrently under the umbrella of the Stryker Requirements Contract and the various Delivery Orders covering the 10 vehicle configurations and associated requirements. Eight vehicles are in production. Two vehicles are in development, and planned Block Mods will be added to the Third Brigade. New contracts had to be developed to implement the logistics program.

As of July 3, 2003, 600 vehicles had been accepted. In the past year, the first brigade of vehicles has completed fielding at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Simultaneously, Performance Verification Test was ongoing. The second brigade has begun. Training has been ongoing since the first vehicle hand-off. Fielded vehicles have been maintained at an Operational Readiness Rate at or above 90 percent. The first brigade is currently preparing for its first deployment to Iraq, relying heavily on support provided by the contractor under the Interim Logistics Contractor Support (ICLS) contract.

The BCT Acquisition Support Division is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and on holidays to execute up-to-the-minute contract actions in support of customers. At the time of nomination, the team had issued, in less than a year, 341 Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) letters, in excess of 200 contract modifications, and 25 new, additional contracts, and 51 Purchase Orders, GSA orders, and BPA orders. Contracting requirements have continued to accelerate. In the last year (FY03), more than 750 formal PCO letters and more than 250 contract modifications were issued.

In addition to achieving, and in many cases surpassing, program requirements, the BCT has found many methods for reducing contract costs by increasing communication and coordination between government and contractor personnel at all BCT locations, thereby eliminating redundant workloads and increasing efficiency. All contracts and modifications are posted in real-time online for access from any Internet-capable computer, and automatic notifications are sent to all.

With the Army's sights set on having six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams fielded and operational by 2009, the pace required for the acquisition and support of the program is unprecedented. As a result, a number of innovative contracting processes have been developed to reduce the time necessary to carry out traditional contracting practices. Performance-based contracting and logistics have been adopted as the primary methods because they allow tremendous flexibility and adaptability.

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AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION NAMES OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN PROGRAM MANAGER FOR 2003

Megan Horn, Chief, Financial Management Branch, Program Integration Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, received the Air Force Association's highest national award on Sept. 15, 2003. Horn was named the Outstanding Civilian Program Manager of the Year at a ceremony held in conjunction with the AFA's National Convention in Washington, D.C.

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2003 MAINTENANCE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Department of Defense today announced the recipients of the 2003 Defense Maintenance Awards. Each year the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Program recognizes outstanding achievements in military equipment and weapon systems maintenance by organizations of the military services. Awards are presented in the categories of small, medium, and large units.

As part of the 2003 DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition, the awards were presented at the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Banquet on Oct. 29, 2003, at the Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pa.

The recipients of this year's Secretary of Defense maintenance awards are as follows:

Small category: Strike Fighter Squadron Eight One, Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va.; 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, N.C.

Medium category: Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Mayport, Naval Station, Mayport, Fla.; Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Large category: 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga.; Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

Additional information regarding the 2003 DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition can be found at <http://www.sae.org/dod>.

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MODELING & SIMULATION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Department of Defense today announced the recipients of the 2003 Defense Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Awards. Each year, the DoD M&S Awards Program recognizes units, organizational elements, and individuals (civilian employees and active duty servicemembers) of the DoD components for excellence, innovation, and achievement in advancement of state-of-the-art M&S.

The awards program is sponsored by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. This year's awards ceremony was held at the Pentagon, Sept. 29, 2003. Awards were presented by Dr. Ronald Sega, director of defense research and engineering and chair of the DoD Executive Council for Modeling and Simulation. The recipients of this year's DoD M&S Awards are as follows:

- **Acquisition category:** The Missile Defense Agency, Washington, D.C., for its "Enterprise Strategy for Modeling and Simulation."
- **Analysis category:** The Threat Signal Processor-in-the-Loop (T-SPIL) Team, Naval Air Warfare Weapons Division, Naval Air Systems Command, China Lake, Calif.
- **Training category:** The Training Systems Technology Team, Warfighter Training Research Division, Air Force Research Laboratory, Mesa, Ariz.
- **Cross-function category:** Dr. Gene E. Layman, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

Additional information regarding the M&S Awards Program can be found at <http://www.dmsi.mil/public/community/awards/> or contact the Defense Modeling and Simulation Office at (703) 824-3437 or pao@dmsi.mil.

DAU WINS BRANDON HALL GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN E-LEARNING BEST PRACTICES.

On Sept. 23, 2003, DAU received the Brandon Hall Gold Medal Award for Excellence in e-Learning Best Practices at a ceremony in Los Angeles, Calif. DAU competed against 189 other applicants in the Best Practices category, with each entry being analyzed by a panel of 56 subject matter experts. DAU earned a Gold Medal for the "AT&L Performance Learning Model," an enterprise-wide learning strategy that uses e-learning techniques to deliver career-long training through formal courses, rapid deployment

training on emerging initiatives, continuous learning modules, and knowledge sharing resources to the members of the DoD Acquisition, Technology and Logistics workforce.

The 2003 Excellence in E-Learning Awards were awarded to organizations that are setting the pace in e-learning best practices; custom content; and innovative technology. This year's winning entries were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony at the Online Learning 2003 Conference & Expo in Los Angeles. The Excellence in E-Learning Awards recognize outstanding examples of e-learning throughout the industry. This year marked the seventh year for the awards program. The Best Practices category is designed to recognize those organizations that have implemented a particular aspect of e-learning that stands out as a superior process.

ACQDEMO PM RECEIVES MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD

Anthony D. Echols recently received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his contributions as the program manager for the Department of Defense Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project (AcqDemo), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) from August 1999 through July 2003.

This Defense-level award is the second highest civilian service award given to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by exceptional meritorious service of major significance to the Department of Defense. Echols was credited for leading the way to enhancing the quality, professionalism, and management of the acquisition workforce through improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of the human resources management system.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS FOR ACQUISITION PERSONNEL

The civilian and military personnel who support the Defense acquisition system for both new and fielded systems are the DoD AT&L community's most valuable assets. To reinforce the continuing importance of acquisition and logistics excellence and innovation, the USD(AT&L) policy on "Recognition and Awards for Acquisition Personnel," provides guidance on several methods for formally and informally recognizing and rewarding the professional acquisition workforce.

For more information, download the USD(AT&L) policy memorandum with attachment from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/Docs/awardpolicy.pdf>.