

DoD Acquisition Office Recognizes

Transformational eBusiness Working Group

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 2002—An expanded electronic government—doing more “eBusiness”—is a cornerstone of President Bush’s management agenda to improve government functions and performance.

Today at a small ceremony at the Pentagon, Michael Wynne, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, honored 48 employees who for the past 14 months have been following the president’s plan and transforming the way the Department of Defense does business with private industry.

“One of the most exciting trends in government is the use of information technology together with the Internet to improve virtually everything that we do,” he told the group. “The eBusiness Working Group did a tremendous job, starting with research, then organizing and finally structuring best practices, and creating a clear program to bring us the power of eBusiness. We will become a much more ‘net-centric’ organization in large measure because of the work you have accomplished.”

Since the signing of the president’s management agenda, federal agencies have been scrambling to comply with all or at least part of the e-government initiatives Bush called for—that is, make it simpler for citizens to receive high-quality service from the Federal Government, while reducing the cost of delivering those services.

Managers and supervisors from AT&L and other DoD components comprised the working group, organized in August 2001. The group was called together to spur the implementation of eBusiness across DoD’s acquisition community and

to smooth the way for further cost-effective eBusiness expansion.

Wynne said the group split into four teams and identified more than 30 specific initiatives that targeted improving technology, customer focus, finance, and processes.

“These initiatives provide a solid base on which to build a strong eBusiness foundation,” he said. “The group delivered its final report in October and its work has positioned us to move ahead.”

Wynne also used the occasion to announce the formation of two new AT&L offices: the Internal eBusiness Center, headed by Robert Nemetz, and External eBusiness Center, headed by Mark Krzysko. Nemetz will be responsible for eBusiness implementation within the Undersecretariat to improve organizational effectiveness. Krzysko is to focus on improving electronic interfaces between the private sector and DoD acquisition and logistics organizations.

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Michael Wynne (left), Principal Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, presents Melissa Rider a certificate of appreciation Dec. 3, 2002, for her work with a 48-member working group in improving the Defense Department’s eBusiness practices. Taking part in the presentation is Mark Krzysko, newly named head of the AT&L External eBusiness Center, charged with improving electronic interfaces between the private sector and DoD acquisition and logistics organizations.

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