



# Army Acquisition Leadership Awards Announced

**T**he Honorable Paul J. Hoepfer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, is pleased to announce the five winners of the Acquisition Leadership awards for Fiscal Year 98. The recipients received the awards for their significant contributions to the Army Acquisition Community and Department of the Army.

## Project Manager of the Year

**Col. Jeffrey Sorensen**, Project Manager-Night Vision, Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (PM-NV/RSTA), received the Project Manager of the Year Award. Sorensen was cited for using his acquisition management and Certified Public Accountant skills to the fullest. He expertly managed four separate Army accounts; Aircraft Procurement Army; Other Procurement Army; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E-6.3 and 6.4); and Weapon Tracked Combat Vehicles. He met or exceeded all Headquarters, Department of the Army obligation goals.

## Product Manager of the Year

Product Manager of the Year went to **Lt. Col. Stephen R. Kostek**, Product Manager, Joint Tactical Terminal Common Integrated Broadcast Service Modules (PM-JTT/CIBS-M). Kostek was cited for his compelling vision, ability to translate that vision into a program plan, and ability to implement his plan, which produced dynamic Operations and Support (O&S) savings and a 63-percent cost reduction for the JTT program. He also initiated [a] modeling and simulation program to address risk mitigation, resulting in team-

ing trade-off decisions to resolve processor loading and through-put issues.

## Acquisition Commander of the Year

**Col. Ronald C. Flom** and **Lt. Col. Mary K. Brown** were each the recipients of the Acquisition Commander of the Year Award for FY 98. **Flom** was recognized for his achievements as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) – Baltimore. He superbly managed the largest and most complex field command within DCMC with 27 percent of all contracts, to include 30 percent of the command's large (over \$100,000), flexibly placed contracts, with over 7 percent of the manpower in geographic Contract Administration Offices [CAO]. **Lt. Col. Brown** was recognized for her achievements as the Commander, Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC), Fort Greely, Alaska, the DoD's only natural, cold weather test center. **Brown** has been instrumental in ensuring that CRTC is an integral part of the global test community by initiating programs to include CRTC in the Virtual Proving Ground and developing low-cost, long-term partnerships with other organizations.

## Contingency Contracting Award

**Col Donald R. Yates** was honored with a Contingency Contracting Award for his demonstrated excellence as Commander, U.S. Army Contracting Command Europe, and [Principal] Assistant responsible for Contracting, U.S. Army Europe, while supporting the Balkans' mission.

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