



DoD Names 1999 Mentor-Protégé Nunn-Perry Award Winners

Nine pairs of large Department of Defense contractors and their small business proteges [were] honored when Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology Dr. Jacques S. Gansler [presented] each team the 1999 Nunn-Perry Award at a March 2 luncheon during the DoD Mentor-Protégé Conference at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Pentagon City, Arlington, Va.

The Nunn-Perry Award is named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn, who sponsored legislation to create the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program, and in honor of former Secretary of Defense William Perry for his commitment to its implementation.

The recipients of the Nunn-Perry Award are selected on the basis of how well each mentor-protégé team worked together to achieve cost-efficiencies, enhance the small business protégé's technical capabilities, and increase new business prime contracting and subcontracting opportunities with DoD.

The Department's Mentor-Protégé Program started in 1991. It is a national initiative to encourage large defense contractors to develop the technical capabilities of small disadvantaged business firms and qualifying organizations that employ the severely disabled allowing them to compete more effectively for defense-related work.

The following DoD mentor-protégé teams will receive the 1999 Nunn-Perry Award:

- Abacus Technology Corp., Chevy Chase, Md., and Comnet Sciences Corp. Jersey City, N.J.

- CH2M Hill, Greenwood Village, Colo., and Wendy Lopez & Associates Inc., Dallas, Texas.
- The IT Group, Martinez, Calif., and Innovative Technical Solutions Inc., Walnut Creek, Calif.
- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Pasadena, Calif., and Scientific Sales Inc., Oak Ridge, Tenn.
- Northrop Grumman Corp., Integrated Systems and Aerostructures Sector, El Segundo, Calif., and Mandaree Enterprise Corp., Mandaree, N.D.
- Owens & Minor, Glen Allen, Va., and Kerma Medical Products Inc., Chesapeake, Va.
- Raytheon Systems Co., Dallas, Texas, and The Choctaw Nation Finishing Co., Hugo, Okla.
- Raytheon Systems Co., Naval and Maritime Systems, Fullerton, Calif., and Kuchera Defense Systems, Windber, Pa.
- SAIC, Abingdon, Md., and Science and Technology Corp., Hampton, Va.