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ARMY NEWS SERVICE (APRIL 28, 2005) **ARMY'S SMALL-BUSINESS ADVOCATE RECEIVES GOLD STAR AWARD**

Eric Cramer

WASHINGTON—The Army's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization received two awards this week for supporting firms with less than 1,000 employees, or those that meet government revenue limits, and those owned by minorities or disabled veterans.

Tracey Pinson, director of the Army office, received the federal Small Business Administration's Gold Star Award for Excellence for her achievements in helping the Army make greater use of small businesses in its acquisitions.

In addition to Pinson's award, the SBA gave her agency its Goaling Award of Excellence. The awards came during the annual Small Business Week.

"We have a cadre of small business advisors in the field who are the real catalysts for this effort," Pinson said. "I accepted the award for them."

This is not the first time Pinson has been recognized by the SBA. In 2004, she received the organization's SBA Administrator's Leadership Award.

Pinson said her office helped small businesses receive \$15.4 billion in Army contracts last year, 28 percent of the \$55 billion in Army contract funding.

OSDBU has multiple roles in its mission to establish the Army as the premier organization for promoting and assisting small businesses.

"We provide counseling to businesses, and disseminate goals to the major commands—and we have executed goals both from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and our statutory goals from the Small Business Act," Pinson said.

As an example of the goals her office tries to meet, she said the \$15.4 billion in contracting it arranged last year was distributed among the following categories: small and disadvantaged businesses received \$4.5 billion, or about 9 percent of the Army's total \$55 billion in contracting; women-owned businesses received \$2 billion, or about 5 percent of the total; companies in historically

under-utilized business zones (HUBzones), received \$1.5 billion, or roughly 3 percent of the total; and service-disabled-veteran-owned companies received \$228 million or .04 percent.

Pinson said the statutory goals for each category are: small-disadvantaged businesses, 5 percent; women-owned businesses, 5 percent; historically under-utilized business zones, 3 percent; and service-disabled-veteran businesses, 3 percent.

"So we're exceeding our goals for disadvantaged businesses, and we're there with the HUBzones," she said. "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business is a new program."

Pinson said her office is there to help both the businesses and the Army achieve their goals.

"I try to create a positive environment for the MACOMs [major commands] to use small businesses," she said. "Those MACOMs also have goals. All contracting activities have goals."

Reaching those goals is made easier by the broad support for the OSDBU programs throughout the Army, Pinson said.

"We have a very strong infrastructure within the Army in support of achieving these goals," she said. "We have strong support in the entire acquisition community, from the top down."

MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY (APRIL 14, 2005) **KADISH RECEIVES MISSILE DEFENSE AWARD**

Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency director, announced that Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, U.S. Air Force (Retired), is the third recipient of the Ronald Reagan Missile Defense Award, an annual honor awarded to individuals or organizations to recognize outstanding support, innovation and engineering, and scientific achievement associated with technologies designed to defend against ballistic missile attack. Kadish served as director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Missile Defense Agency from 1999 to 2004.



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Previous recipients of the Ronald Reagan Missile Defense Award were former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 2003 and retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, the first director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 29, 2005)

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 2004 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Ten military installations and individuals received the 2004 Secretary of Defense Annual Environmental Awards in an awards ceremony May 4, 2005, in the Pentagon. A panel of expert judges from the government, non-profit, and private sectors recognized the winners for excellence in five categories: cultural resources management, environmental quality, environmental restoration, natural resources conservation, and pollution prevention.

The award winners by category are:

- **Lt. Colonel Michael Tarpley**—Camp Beauregard, La. Individual—Cultural Resources Management
- **Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.** Installation—Cultural Resources Management (tie)
- **15th Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii** Installation—Cultural Resources Management (tie)
- **Naval Air Depot Cherry Point, N.C.** Industrial Installation—Environmental Quality
- **Misawa Air Base, Japan** Overseas Installation—Environmental Quality
- **Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Hawaii** Installation—Environmental Restoration (tie)
- **Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.** Installation—Environmental Restoration (tie)
- **Fort Drum, N.Y.** Large Installation—Natural Resources Conservation
- **Tinker Air Force Base Pollution Prevention Team, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.** Individual/Team—Pollution Prevention
- **Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Va.** Installation—Pollution Prevention

Recognizing excellence in environmental management is a crucial element in Department of Defense efforts to support the twin imperatives of producing the best-trained military force in the world while providing the best environmental stewardship possible. Each year, the secretary of defense honors installations, teams, and individuals for outstanding environmental management by

military and civilian personnel at both domestic and overseas bases, to sustain military readiness, and training and operational capabilities.

Detailed information on the secretary's Environmental Awards can be found at <https://www.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/Awards/awards.html>.

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (MAY 19, 2005) ARMY RECOGNIZES LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE

Maj. William Thurmond, USA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In today's Global War on Terror, Army logisticians are on the front lines throughout the world. Their work, always difficult and often dangerous, ensures that warfighters have the supplies and mobility required to engage and defeat the enemy.

In that spirit, dozens of Army soldiers, civilians, and their families gathered here this week to recognize excellence in all aspects of Army logistics.

Lt. Gen. Claude V. Christianson, the Army deputy chief of staff, G-4 (logistics), in coordination with the Association of the United States Army, hosted "Army Logistics Week" here. The event's theme was "Joint and Expeditionary Warfighter Support."

The highlight of the week was an awards ceremony where the Army's best logistics support providers in the fields of maintenance, supply, and deployment were recognized.

The first annual Army Chief of Staff's Combined Logistics Excellence Awards, or CLEA, were presented to units and organizations that epitomized outstanding service and set the standard for others to emulate, according to Christianson.

"The soldiers that are here represent the very best of Army logistics. In addition to these winners and runners-up, I know that there are thousands of dedicated unsung professionals out there every day doing magnificent work to support our Army," said Christianson.

"Logistics can be a dirty business, because you're always dealing with things that are broken and problems that have to be solved. So the awards themselves are important because they tell our logisticians in the field that their work is vital," said Christianson.



Lt. Gen. Claude V. Christianson (second row, center), the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (Logistics), poses with the 2005 Combined Logistics Excellence Award (CLEA) winners and runners-up. The group and their families attended a twilight tattoo on the White House ellipse.

Photograph by Maj. William Thurmond, USA.

Christianson noted that the Army logistics team is a diverse one.

“We wouldn’t have Army logistics if we didn’t have Army civilians supporting us, as well as contractors dedicated to augmenting our capabilities. They all share with us the same sense of pride, priorities, and commitment to service.”

As he reviewed the list of award winners, Christianson said that he identified common threads.

“All of these units, down to each individual, are dedicated to supporting soldiers. They’re fully committed to their mission and take success personally.”

Secondly, they possess extraordinary attention to detail. Ours is a very complex business, and this attention to detail allows them to be successful.”

Finally, these people are from units that always finish the job they start.”

View a list of all 2005 CLEA winners, runners-up, and honorable mentions at http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=7351.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 15, 2005)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VALUE ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Kenneth Krieg presented the annual Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Awards during a ceremony today at the Pentagon.

Value engineering is a systematic process of function analysis to identify actions that reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire spectrum of DoD systems, processes, and organizations. The Department of Defense Value Engineering Program continues to be an incentive for government and our industry counterparts to improve the joint value proposition by promoting innovation and creativity. These



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innovative proposals seek best-value solutions as part of a successful business relationship. During fiscal year 2004, 1,723 in-house value engineering proposals and contractor-initiated value engineering change proposals were accepted with projected savings/cost avoidance in excess of \$1 billion.

The Value Engineering Awards Program is a highly visible acknowledgment of exemplary achievements and encourages additional projects to improve in-house and contractor productivity. Award winners from each DoD component were eligible for selection in the following five categories: program/project, individual, team, organization, and contractor. Additional "special" awards were given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expanded the traditional scope of value engineering use.

Today's awards were presented to the following individuals or teams by categories:

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Special—Mary Hart, DoD Value Engineering Program

Army

Program/Project—Army Small Computer Program
Individual—Conrad Gonzales Ortega, U.S. Army Program Executive Office Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation
Team—Aviation Parts Reclamation Team
Organization—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Contractor—Northrop Grumman Systems Corp.
Subcontractor—Bose Corp.
Special—U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center (McAlester, Okla.)
Special—Hamilton City Ecosystem Restoration Project Value Engineering Team (Hamilton City, Calif.)

Navy

Program/Project—AN/SSQ-110A Active Acoustic Source Refurbishment and Reuse Sonobuoy Program, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (Yorktown, Va.)
Individual—Regina Shuster, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock (Carderock, Pa.)
Team—Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Ordnance Engineering Department, PM-10 (Crane, Ind.)
Special—Shirley A. Bowe, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic (Norfolk, Va.)

Air Force

Team—Battle Management/Command, Control and Communications Capability, Hardware Procurement Team (Hanscom AFB, Mass.)
Contractor—Northrop Grumman Mission Systems Minuteman III Guidance Replacement Program (Clearfield, Utah)

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Program/Project—F-16 Leading Edge Flap Rotary Actuator Project Team, Defense Supply Center Richmond (Richmond, Va.)
Individual—Dale A. Roberts, Defense Supply Center Richmond (Richmond, Va.)
Team—Price Challenge/Should Cost Team, Defense Supply Center Columbus (Columbus, Ohio)
Organization—Defense Supply Center Columbus
Special—Brian P. McNicholl, Defense Supply Center Columbus (Columbus, Ohio)

Missile Defense Agency

Program/Project—Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Management Office
Team—Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Project Office Value Engineering Team (Huntsville, Ala.)

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Program/Project—Electronic File Room Project (Columbus, Ohio)
Team—Audit Command Language Program Team (Columbus, Ohio)

Defense Contract Management Agency

Team—Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) Missile Block II Program, DCMA/Navy/Raytheon-Tucson (Tucson, Ariz.)

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (JUNE 16, 2005)

DSCR RECEIVES WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Fort Belvoir, Va.—Defense Supply Center Richmond's Environmental Management System received the 2005 White House Closing the Circle Award for the Department of Defense military category in a White House ceremony June 14.

The White House Office of the Federal Environmental Executive presents the awards annually. DSCR was among 11 winners selected from nearly 200 nominations in the areas of environment management systems,



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pollution prevention, recycling, green product purchasing, alternative fuels, and sustainable building.

DSCR received special recognition for partnering with local governments and stakeholders in the development of their EMS. Increased levels of public confidence on environmental issues were attributed to DSCR's partnerships with Chesterfield County, the city of Richmond, and Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality.

DSCR has been a consistent and dependable supplier of quality goods and services to those defending freedom around the world since it was activated in 1942. Designated as the aviation supply chain manager for the Defense Logistics Agency, DSCR serves within the DoD supply chain as the primary source for the almost 1.2 million repair parts and operating supply items. While these items and parts have an extremely wide range of applications, the center's core mission is to supply products with a direct application to aviation. These include a mix of military-unique items supporting more than 1,300 major weapons systems, and other items readily available in the commercial market.

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (JUNE 8, 2005)

U.S. ARMY RECOGNIZES TOP TEN GREATEST INVENTIONS OF 2004

The commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command as well as the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, and other senior Army science and technology leaders recognized the U.S. Army's "Top Ten Greatest Inventions of 2004" in an awards ceremony June 8, at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner, Va. Military units in Southwest Asia are currently using all 10 inventions.

The Army-wide awards program is dedicated to recognizing the best technology solutions for soldiers.

"Nominations for the program were submitted from across the Army laboratory community," said Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander, AMC.

The Army—from active-duty divisions to the Training and Doctrine Command—chose the 10 winning programs for their impact on Army capabilities (breadth of use and magnitude of improvement over existing systems), inventiveness, and potential benefit outside the Army.

Displays with mock-ups and examples of the inventions were also featured at the ceremony. The Army recognized the following inventions:

Armor Survivability Kit for the HMMWV U.S. Army Research Laboratory

In late 2003, ARL began producing prototype kits for HMMWVs using rolled homogenous armor steel and ballistic glass to provide the HMMWV with maximum balanced protection against small arms projectiles and fragments from improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The effort was transitioned to the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, who further developed the solution for production by the Army industrial base.

Improvised Explosive Device Countermeasure Equipment U.S. Army Research Laboratory

The IED Countermeasure Equipment (ICE) is a radio-controlled IED countermeasure, completely composed of commercial-off-the-shelf technology. The Department of the Army IED Task Force identified ICE as a preventative solution to IED casualties and vetted the system through its confirmation process.

UTAMS (Unattended Transient Acoustic MASINT Sensor) Mortar, Rocket, Explosion Locator U.S. Army Research Laboratory

UTAMS is an acoustic localization system based on classic sound ranging principles with advanced and unique signal processing techniques that can detect and isolate transient events such as mortar or rocket firings, munitions impacts, and other explosive events.

M107 .50 Cal Long Range Sniper Rifle U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center

The M107 is a .50 caliber long range sniper rifle effective against various materiel and personnel targets such as parked aircraft; command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence sites; and lightly armored vehicles. The M107 has a longer stand off range and increased terminal effect when opposing snipers armed with smaller caliber weapons.

Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center

The Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer System provides, for the first time, a handheld fire control system with GPS and digital communication capability



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for all fielded mortar weapon systems. The system calculates ballistic solutions and provides fire support coordination measures with functionality. The software component allows the weapon platform to receive, decode, encode, and send digital messages via the combat net radio to other weapon systems or command and control systems on the digital network.

Upgraded Aviation Force Battle Command Brigade and Below /Blue Force Tracking (Upgraded Aviation FBCB2/BFT) U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center

AMRDEC's Upgraded Aviation FBCB2/BFT is a paradigm-shattering communication and tracking system that provides global, real-time, situational awareness and command and control to/from air and ground platforms in a compact militarized package. Consisting of a Miltope laptop computer, satellite antenna, and Global Positioning System receiver, BFT displays the air or ground platform's location on the computer's terrain-map display along with the respective location of other air and ground platforms.

Lightweight Counter Mortar RADAR U.S. Army Communications Electronic Research Development and Engineering Center

LCMR was designed to automatically locate mortar weapons over 360 degrees and to be sufficiently lightweight to support insertion by Airborne troops. LCMR is specified to detect and track mortar rounds that are out of range for most mortar weapons and locate the firing weapon with a target location error sufficient to neutralize the shooter with either combat air support or counterfire.

Chitosan Hemostatic Dressing U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research

Chitosan is a biodegradable, nontoxic, complex carbohydrate derived from chitin, a naturally occurring substance. In an initial test of prototype laboratory-constructed dressings, this dressing significantly increased survival rates and reduced both blood loss and resuscitation fluid requirements following Grade V liver injuries in swine. The dressing is a freeze-dried chitosan-based dressing designed to optimize the mucoadhesive surface density and structural integrity of chitosan at the site of injury.

Electronic Information Carrier U.S. Army Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center

The Electronic Information Carrier is a wireless data storage device the size of a dog-tag that is capable of storing up to 4 gigabytes of data. The real power of the Wireless Electronic Information Center (WEIC) is its ability to securely and wirelessly read and write data within a range of 10 meters of medical devices such as the Battlefield Medical Information System-Telemedicine and the Composite HealthCare System II-T. It also has a universal physical interface that ensures its compatibility with commercial and government off-the-shelf products.

Army Combat Uniform U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center

Developed in collaboration with PEO Soldier, this new combat uniform increases performance capabilities through the application of new camouflage technologies, incorporation of functional fabric finishes, and design engineering for increased operational effectiveness, while reducing sustainment costs. Scientists fused terrain environments into a single visual camouflage design by analyzing terrain types and then incorporating the results into an acceptable digitized pattern. The Army Combat Uniform (ACU) includes coat, trousers, moisture wicking t-shirt, rigger-style belt, improved moisture wicking anti-blister socks, and no shine tan combat boots. The cChief of staff of the Army approved the ACU to replace the battle dress uniform and the desert camouflage uniform.



New Army Combat Uniform
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SUBJECT: The Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics Awards Program

Performance Based Logistics (PBL) is the Department of Defense strategy to improve weapon system readiness by purchasing weapon system sustainment as an integrated package, based on output measures, such as weapon system availability, rather than input measures, such as parts and technical services. The Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) and the Defense Planning Guidance directed the application of PBL to new and legacy weapon systems.

Utilizing the best mix of public/private capabilities is a fundamental enabler of successful PBL strategies. A long-term relationship based upon a foundation of trust and mutual accountability for achieving the outcome performance goals in managing reliability, supportability, and total ownership cost over the life cycle of a weapon system is critical for implementation of a successful PBL program.

To enhance PBL awareness and encourage PBL excellence, DoD is instituting an awards program to recognize government/industry teams responsible for outstanding achievements in PBL development, implementation and execution. The Secretary of Defense PBL Awards program shall be implemented to annually recognize outstanding PBL performance in three categories: the System Level, the Sub-system Level and the Component Level. The PBL Awards will recognize successful PBL programs that demonstrate exceptional operational readiness.

The DoD will display the PBL Award in a prominent location so that it is afforded suitable public viewing access. This award will be maintained in perpetuity and updated annually. The public and private winners in each category will receive a plaque acknowledging their achievement. The awards will be presented annually in the Fall timeframe commencing in calendar year 2005. Application for the awards and criteria is contained in the enclosure.

Overall management of the PBL Awards program will be carried out by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness) in affiliation with the Defense Acquisition University and Aerospace Industries Association. PBL Award instructions and format are attached.

The principal point of contact for administration of the PBL Awards program is Mr. Lou Kratz, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics Plans and Programs), 703-614-6327, Louis.Kratz@osd.mil.

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