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SUBJECT: Announcement of the 2019 Defense Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement, Software Innovation Team, Flexibility in Contracting, and Development Innovation Award Winners

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of the 2019 Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards.

Individual Achievement Award Winners

Acquisition in an Expeditionary Environment
Major Eugene Choi, Army Contracting Command, U.S. Army

Auditing
Ms. Jessica Oliver, Defense Contract Audit Agency

Contracting and Procurement
Mr. Simon Klink, F-35 Lightning II JPO, U.S. Navy

Cost Estimating
Ms. Nicole E. Gulla, JPEO Armaments and Ammunition, U.S. Army

Earned Value Management
Ms. Melissa Ransom, PEO Land Systems, U.S. Marine Corps

Engineering
Mr. Joseph Krumenacker, F-35 Lightning II JPO, U.S. Navy

Facilities Engineering
Ms. Laureen A. Borochaner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Financial Management
Ms. Julie Blankenbaker, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Navy

Information Technology
Captain Yazmin H. Garcia Smith, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force

International Partnership
Ms. Jean-Anne A. Butler, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force

Life Cycle Logistics
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Martin A. LopezBeltran, Marine Corps Systems Command, U.S. Marine Corps

Production, Quality, and Manufacturing
Mr. James Gregory Clark, Combat Capabilities Development Command, U.S. Army

Program Management
Colonel David A. Warnick, PEO Missiles and Space, U.S. Army

Requirements Management
Colonel Sean A. McMurry, JPEO for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense, U.S. Army

Science and Technology Manager
Lieutenant Colonel Mara Kreishman-Deitrick, Army Futures Command, U.S. Army

Services Acquisition
Ms. Alicia Spurling, U.S. Special Operations Command

Small Business
Mr. Paul D. Ward, U.S. Special Operations Command

Software
Mr. George Senger, PEO for Command, Control, and Communications-Tactical, U.S. Army

Test and Evaluation
Colonel Varun Puri, F-35 Lightning II JPO, U.S. Air Force

Software Innovation Team Award Winner
U.S. Air Force Kessel Run – Boston, Massachusetts

Flexibility in Contracting Award Winner
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency JANUS Team – Springfield, Virginia

Workforce Development Innovation Award Winner (Large Organization)
U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command - Ground Vehicle Systems Center – Warren, Michigan

Workforce Development Innovation Award Winner (Small Organization)
U.S. Special Operations Command, Special Operations Forces Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics – MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

Congratulations to the Individual Achievement, Software Innovation Team, Flexibility in Contracting, and Development Innovation Award winners for their exemplary accomplishments.

The award ceremony will be held October 29, 2019 at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes in Arlington, Virginia. Additional details regarding the ceremony will be forwarded under separate cover.

It is important that we continue to recognize the outstanding contributions of our Defense acquisition professionals who are critical in supporting our Warfighter and the defense mission.

Ellen M. Lord

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