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SUBJECT: Announcement of the 2020 Defense Acquisition Workforce Award Winners

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of the 2020 Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards in the following categories:

**Individual Achievement Award Winners**

Acquisition in an Expeditionary Environment

Lieutenant Colonel Robert (Ramsey) Oliver, U.S. Special Operations Command

Auditing

Mr. Joel M. Lehman, Defense Contract Audit Agency

Contracting and Procurement

Mr. Kevin Eversgerd, Defense Information Systems Agency

Cost Estimating

Ms. Laura L. Lucas, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force

Earned Value Management

Major Bryan E. Fanick, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, U.S. Air Force

Engineering

Mr. James A. Sarruda, JPEO Armaments and Ammunition, U.S. Army

Facilities Engineering

Ms. Kimberly Granville, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, U.S. Navy

Financial Management

Mr. George Sfakianoudis, JPEO for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense,  
U.S. Army

Information Technology

Commander Thomas D. Sampson, F-35 Lightning II JPO, U.S. Navy

International Partnership

Ms. Balwindar Rawalay-VanDeVoort, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Navy

Life Cycle Logistics

Mr. Kyle Matyi, F-35 Lightning II JPO, U.S. Navy

Production, Quality, and Manufacturing

Ms. Stefanie Link, PEO Columbia, U.S. Navy

Program Management

Captain Jonathan E. Rucker, PEO Columbia, U.S. Navy

Requirements Management

Lieutenant Colonel Sean R. Richardson, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, U.S. Air Force

Science and Technology Manager

Mr. David P. Cooke, PEO for Integrated Warfare Systems, U.S. Navy

Services Acquisition

Ms. Melissa Kennedy, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force

Small Business

Mr. Chris Harrington, U.S. Special Operations Command

Software

Captain Andrew Biehn, PEO for Integrated Warfare Systems, U.S. Navy

Test and Evaluation

Mr. Eric Fallabel, PEO for Air, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs, U.S. Navy

**Small Business Vanguard Award Winners**

Ms. Tracey L. Pinson Small Business Professional of the Year Award

Mr. Thaddeus L. Martin, Army Materiel Command, U.S. Army

Ms. Angela T. Harris, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force

Small Business Innovation Research Award

Naval Sea Systems Command Small Business Innovation Research Team – Washington, District of Columbia

Verdure Award

Defense Information Systems Agency Systems Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) Team – Fort Meade, Maryland

Vanguard Award

U.S. Special Operations Command, Special Operations Forces Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics – MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

**Software Innovation Team Award Winner**

U.S. Air Force Cloud One (HNII) and Platform One (HNCP) Team – Hanscom Air Force Base,  
Massachusetts

**Flexibility in Contracting Award Winner**

Department of the Air Force Acquisition COVID-19 Task Force (DAF-ACT) – Washington,  
District of Columbia

**Workforce Development Innovation Award Winner (Large Organization)**

U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Ground Vehicle System Center, PEO  
CS&CSS, and PEO GCS – Warren, Michigan

**Workforce Development Innovation Award Winner (Small Organization)**

Defense Information Systems Agency Defense Information Technology Contracting  
Organization - Scott Field Office – Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

**David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award Winners**

U.S. Air Force Cloud One (HNII) and Platform One (HNCP) Team – Hanscom Air Force Base,  
Massachusetts

U.S. Air Force Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Executive Agent Program Office Team –  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

U.S. Air Force Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Program Office – Hill Air Force Base, Utah

U.S. Navy Guided Missile Frigate (FFG(X)) Program Team – Washington, District of Columbia

U.S. Special Operations Command Special Operations Forces C-130 Modernization Team –  
MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

Defense Contract Management Agency, Commercial Item Group – Lakewood, Colorado

Congratulations to our winners for their exemplary accomplishments. I look forward to celebrating their achievements in an upcoming virtual recognition ceremony. 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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