

Army Organizations Win 2009 DOD David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards

During the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony Oct. 4, 2009, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Dean G. Popp announced that two Army organizations won prestigious 2009 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards. The winning organizations are the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV) Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) Team and the DOD Office of the Project Manager Mobile Electric Power (PM MEP). Details of their accomplishments follow.

The M-ATV SSEB Team's efforts over the past year resulted in the selection of a low risk-accelerated delivery candidate for thousands of M-ATVs for quick deployment to the field. Never before has such an abbreviated timeline requirement for initial contractor paper evaluation, government capability testing, and limited user evaluation been levied on an evaluation team. The team developed new evaluation processes, conducted almost 400 requirement evaluations, processed and evaluated more than 1,500 items for discussion, and managed an extensive testing process that delivered more than 1,200 test incident reports to the contractors. The team overcame several challenges and still made the final award on schedule, exemplifying extraordinary professionalism, dedication, and proficiency.

PM MEP is a joint-interest project management office with a multiservice management team. The team's efforts this past year included improved generator and environmental control programs and command post power distribution, resulting in a fielded annual cost avoidance of

nearly \$1 billion per year and savings of approximately 10,000 tanker loads of fuel per year. PM MEP's new Hybrid Intelligent Power program will also enable significant reductions in the fuel requirements for tactical command centers, while enabling the capability to seamlessly integrate renewable power sources. In the near term, the PM's ability to surge production of Tactical Quiet Generators by 150 percent in only a few months at no cost to the government has demonstrated the principles and benefits of creative and proactive acquisition management.

The David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards were established to recognize DOD civilians and/or military organizations, groups, or teams whose significant contributions demonstrate exemplary innovation and best acquisition practices. The multiple awards reflect achievements that exemplify the goals and objectives established for furthering life-cycle cost reduction and/or acquisition excellence in DOD. Winners demonstrate highly significant contributions to DOD's acquisition processes and programs.

The 2009 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Awards will be presented by Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Dr. Ashton Carter at a luncheon Nov. 3, 2009, at the Officer's Club, Fort Belvoir, VA, as part of the PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference. A heartfelt congratulations goes out to our award winners and all nominees, as they continue their outstanding efforts in supporting the acquisition process and our Nation's warfighters.