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Secretary of the Army Contracting Award Winners Announced

ORLANDO, FL—Winners of the Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting were announced today at the conclusion of the DOD Procurement Conference and Training Symposium. The symposium included eight training sessions and four general sessions, and featured Dr. Heidi Shyu, Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, who offered the keynote address and announced the award winners.

“The United States Army is the world’s preeminent land combat force. There are many reasons for this, but chief among them is the strength and resolve of our diversified contracting and acquisition workforce,” Shyu said in her keynote address.

The Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting were established in 1997 to recognize contracting and acquisition professionals. They are presented annually to honor contracting officers, contracting units, and teams with special awards for excellence in executing the contracting mission supporting Soldiers. All military and civilian Army contracting professionals are eligible for the awards.

“The success of our Soldiers is linked directly to your innovation and ideas, your dedication and commitment, and your success. The contracting community’s role clearly establishes mission accomplishments and customer satisfaction as key goals,” Shyu said.

Award winners are as follows:

- **AbilityOne Program:** Derrick McGee, Regional Contracting Office, Schofield Barracks
- **Barbara C. Heald Award:** Walter O. Epps, 412th Contracting Support Brigade (CSB), North (5th Army), Fort Sam Houston
- **Outstanding Contract Specialist:** Karen Summonte, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM), Contracting Center, Fort Monmouth
- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Contingency Contracting:** SFC Scott J. McBride, Expeditionary Contracting Command, 408th CSB, Central (3rd Army)

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Award winners continued:

- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Installation Level Contracting – Center:** LeChara D. Fletcher, Aviation and Missile Command, Contracting Center, Redstone Arsenal
- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Installation Level – Directorate of Contracting:** Teresa A. Lucas, Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC), Fort Gordon
- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Logistics Support (Sustainment) Contracting:** Mary Paterno-Mihalko, CECOM, Contracting Center, Fort Monmouth
- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Specialized Services and Construction Contracting:** Aaron A. Kelly, Huntsville Engineering and Support Center, National Contracting Organization, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Lee McCormick, Omaha District, National Contracting Organization, USACE
- **Outstanding Contracting Officer Systems Contracting:** Patrick Morse, CECOM, Contracting Center, Fort Monmouth
- **Outstanding Procurement Analyst:** Jacqueline R. Wolfe, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting-Winchester, National Contracting Organization, USACE
- **Outstanding Unit/Team Award Installation Level Contracting – Center:** MICC, Fort Jackson
- **Outstanding Unit/Team Award Logistics Support (Sustainment) Contracting:** Sustainment Contracting Team, Rock Island
- **Outstanding Unit/Team Award Specialized Services and Construction Contracting:** New Orleans District, Contracting Division, National Contracting Organization, USACE

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