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Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Awards Ceremony Held

Orlando, FL — On Tuesday, May 25, 2004, the Secretary of the Army (SECARMY) Awards for Excellence in Contracting were presented to Fiscal Year (FY) 03's deserving recipients. The awards praise both individual and team efforts for outstanding achievement and dedication in the field of Army Contracting.

Acting Secretary of the Army/Under Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Les Brownlee, awarded each recipient with a plaque during the ceremony at the J.W. Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes Resort in Orlando, FL.

Outstanding Contracting Officer Award winners include: Major Robert J Brinkmann, Army Contracting Region (ACA) Southern Region; Ms. E. Rebecca Coon, ACA Southern Region; Mr. James A. McDavitt, ACA Northern Region; Major James Downs, Defense Contract Management Agency; Ms. Carol D. Alkhafi, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Ms. Vicki L. Ahlgrim, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM); and Major Darlene M. Urquhart, ACA Southern Region.

The Stryker Contracting Team, U.S. Army TACOM; Long-Term Contracts—Fort Rucker Team, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command; ACA Southern Region's Contracting Center; and ACA Southern Region's Directorate of Contracting—Fort Campbell all received *Unit/Team Awards*.

This year's *Special Awards* category included three recipients. *Professionalism in Contracting Awards* were presented to Colonel Steven R. Boshears, ACA Northern Region, and Ms. Colleen Burns, ACA Southern Region. Mr. William R. Dedeker, ACA 88th Regional Support Command, received the Exceptional Support of the *Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act* Program Award.

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