

ARMY ACQUISITION WORKSHOP HONORS PMs AND ACQUISITION COMMANDERS OF THE YEAR

The Army's Project Manager of the Year Award, Product Manager of the Year Award, and two Acquisition Commander of the Year Awards were presented in recognition of outstanding achievements at an awards dinner held as part of the annual Army Acquisition Workshop on Aug. 24, 1999, in Huntsville, AL. The awards were presented by Paul J. Hoepfer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT), and LTG Paul J. Kern, Military Deputy to the ASAALT, and Director of the Army Acquisition Corps.

Project Manager Of The Year

COL Jeffrey A. Sorenson, former Project Manager, Night Vision, Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (PM, NV/RSTA) received the Project Manager of the Year Award for FY98. (Sorenson is now the Director of Information Technology Acquisition, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (ODISC4). The Office of the PM, NV/RSTA serves as the centralized manager for the Army's most critical multi-sensor technologies and is responsible

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for overseeing engineering and manufacturing development, production, and fielding. It also serves as the DOD Joint Service Executive Agent in the development and acquisition of common use day and night vision items.

Sorenson was cited for using his acquisition management and certified public accountant skills to the fullest. He expertly managed four separate Army appropriations: Aircraft Procurement Army; Other Procurement Army; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation 6.3 and 6.4; and Weapon Tracked Combat Vehicles for total direct funding of \$237 million. He met or exceeded all HQDA obligation goals.

While PM, NV/RSTA, Sorenson developed and fielded the technologically advanced Recognition of Combat Vehicle trainer. This CD-ROM-based trainer teaches master gunners and the Abrams and Bradley commanders to detect, recognize, and identify the thermal signatures of various combat vehicles.

Sorenson was also credited for his key role in reducing the costs of thermal devices by sponsoring Foreign Comparative Test Programs during FY98 to qualify international sources for critical forward looking infrared (FLIR) technology, and by supporting combined performance testing of the second generation FLIR.

Product Manager Of The Year

LTC Stephen R. Kostek, Product Manager, Joint Tactical Terminal/Common Integrated Broadcast Service Module (PM, JTT/CIBS-M), received the Product Manager of the Year Award for FY98. The Office of PM, JTT/CIBS-M is responsible for the development, production, testing, product improvement, and fielding of JTT and CIBS-M to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Special Operations Command, and other DOD agencies.

The JTT Program was designed as a model program in acquisition streamlining (e.g., use of performance-based specifications, elimination of military standards, open systems architecture, use of commercial off-the-shelf/nondevelopmental items (COTS/NDIs), cost as an independent variable (CAIV), 10-year

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LTC Stephen R. Kostek, PM, JTT/CIBS-M, receives the Product Manager of the Year Award.



COL Ronald C. Flom, Commander, DCMC-Baltimore, receives an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award.



LTC Mary K. Brown, Commander, CRTCC, Fort Greely, AK, receives an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award.



MG Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, Commander, DCMC, accepts a Contingency Contracting Award on behalf of COL Donald R. Yates.

Paul J. Hoepfer (far right), ASAALT, recognizes Dan Hosek (left) and COL Jeffrey A. Sorenson (center), who represented the OMNI V Night Vision Devices Source Selection Team, which was honored as the Defense Acquisition Executive Certificate of Achievement winner.



Paul J. Hoepfer (right), ASAALT, presents the DSA charter to COL(P) Michael R. Mazzucchi.

Shown far left and far right in each of the first five photos above are Paul J. Hoepfer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT), and LTG Paul J. Kern, Military Deputy to the ASAALT.

warrant value engineering, and prime vendor support). The program focus is on providing a best-value product to warfighting soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.

Kostek was cited for his compelling vision, his ability to translate that vision into a program plan, and his ability to implement that plan to produce dynamic operations and support (O&S) cost reduction. As a result of the O&S cost-savings initiatives, the JTT Program will

realize a 63 percent (\$227.6 million) reduction in O&S costs during its 20-year life cycle compared with the baseline program.

Kostek initiated a modeling and simulation program to address risk mitigation, resulting in teaming trade-off decisions to resolve processor loading and throughput issues. The program was recognized as a winner in the Army's 1998 CAIV competition.

Acquisition Commanders Of The Year

COL Ronald C. Flom and LTC Mary K. Brown were each recipients of an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award for FY98. Flom was recognized for his achievements as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC)-Baltimore, the largest contract administration office in DCMC. The command is responsible for

providing program support to more than 40 major Defense weapon programs, including the Army's Global Command and Control System and Reserve Component Automation System, the Marine Corps' V-22, Osprey Joint Advanced Vehicle Aircraft and Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle, and the Navy's Standard Missile Program.

COL Flom was cited for superbly managing the largest and most complex field command within DCMC, with 27 percent of all contracts in DCMC, including 30 percent of the command's large (more than \$100,000), flexibly placed contracts.

DCMC-Baltimore was at the forefront of the single process initiative (SPI). It had the first approved SPI for a geographic contract administration office and 20 approved SPIs through the end of FY98. DCMC-Baltimore was also a finalist in FY98 for an Office of the Secretary of Defense award for increased SPI participation.

Flom provided a program support team at a prime contractor location in support of the \$1.6 billion Reserve Component Automation System. The team collaborated with the Army project manager and prime contractor to improve delivery and payment processing, which resulted in a reduced backlog of incompletes incurred cost audits and a single general and administrative rate to provide cost savings to the Army.

LTC Brown was recognized for her achievements as the Commander, Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC), Fort Greely, AK, DOD's only natural, cold-weather test center. She directs up to 160 soldiers, DA civilians, and contractors in planning and conducting developmental, operational, and production verification tests in cold-weather climates with temperatures dropping to minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and reporting on the results.

Specifically, the CRTC mission is to plan and conduct winter, mountain, and northern environment phases of developmental testing, and to report on the results. CRTC also provides advice and guidance on testing to materiel develop-

ers, materiel producers, other Services, and private industry. CRTC tests conducted for major acquisition systems were valued at approximately \$1.9 million.

Brown has been instrumental in ensuring that CRTC is an integral part of the global test community by initiating programs to include CRTC in the Virtual Proving Ground and developing low-cost, long-term partnerships with other organizations.

Other Awards

COL Donald R. Yates was honored with a Contingency Contracting Award for his demonstrated excellence as Commander, U.S. Army Contracting Command Europe, and Principle Assistant Responsible for Contracting, U.S. Army Europe, while supporting the Balkans mission. MG Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, Commander, DCMC, accepted the award on behalf of Yates, who was unable to attend the event.

The U.S. Army Joint Program Office for Biological Defense Portal Shield Team was recognized for its selection as a David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award winner. This 27-member integrated product team was praised for using modular design and a COTS approach to improve system supportability and reduce ownership costs. The team was previously honored with the award at a Pentagon ceremony in July during Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week.

The OMNI V Night Vision Devices Source Selection Team was honored for its selection as a Defense Acquisition Executive Certificate of Achievement winner. The integrated product team from the Office of the PM, NV/RSTA was recognized for using acquisition reform initiatives and best-value procedures that stressed commercial practices resulting in reduced total ownership costs. The team was previously honored with the award at a Pentagon ceremony in July during Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week. Army Acquisition Executive (AAE) Paul J. Hoeper recog-

nized COL Jeffrey A. Sorenson, then PM, NV/RSTA, and Dan Hosek, Source Selection Evaluation Board Chairman and current Project Leader, NV/Electronics Sensors Directorate, as representatives of the team.

The awards dinner also featured a charter ceremony to appoint COL(P) Michael R. Mazzucchi as the Deputy for Systems Acquisition (DSA) for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. As DSA, Mazzucchi will be the Army manager for assigned programs and report directly to the AAE through the Commander, HQ Army Materiel Command. AAE Paul J. Hoeper read the charter, which remains in effect until assignment of a new DSA.

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