

The background of the entire page is a close-up, high-resolution image of the American flag. The top half shows the blue field with white stars, while the bottom half shows the red and white stripes. The flag appears to be waving, with light reflecting off the fabric. A thin yellow border frames the entire content.

# 2017

## THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE AWARDS

The Honorable Ellen Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD[AT&L]) hosted the ceremony. She emphasized that “Defense acquisition success is critical to providing the warfighters what they need quickly and at the lowest possible cost. Our success is dependent on the outstanding capability and performance of our people.” The Honorable Patrick Shanahan, Deputy Secretary of Defense and ceremony distinguished guest, echoed those sentiments, stating that the acquisition workforce will “help [the Department of Defense] become even more competitive than we are today.”

The Defense Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement Awards highlight premier individuals who demonstrate the highest levels of excellence and professionalism in the acquisition of products and services for the Department of Defense. These awards recognize individuals in each of the acquisition functional disciplines.

The Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Innovation Awards were established to recognize excellence by acquisition organizations in developing unique and innovative solutions to ensure that their workforce is well equipped to deliver world-class capabilities to the warfighter. The award highlights demonstrated exceptional outside-the-box thinking and progress in tackling workforce development challenges.

# INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

The Honorable Ellen Lord presented the awards, accompanied by the Honorable Patrick Shanahan; and Lieutenant General Anthony Ierardi, U.S. Army, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J8) Joint Staff.



Lieutenant Colonel  
Thomas A. Atkinson  
U.S. Special Operations Command |  
Program Management



Mr. Ulises Cartaya  
U.S. Special Operations Command |  
Services Acquisition



Mr. Lee R. Rosenberg  
Missile Defense Agency |  
Small Business

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Mr. Thomas Sachse  
U.S. Navy | Test and Evaluation



Mr. Skip Hinman  
U.S. Air Force | Requirements  
Management



Gunnery Sergeant  
Tamalia C. Adams  
U.S. Marine Corps |  
Acquisition in an  
Expeditionary Environment



Ms. Melissa Panarelli  
Defense Contract Audit Agency |  
Auditing



Mr. Gary V. Trimble  
U.S. Navy | Contracting and  
Procurement



Dr. Wilson Rosa  
U.S. Navy |  
Cost Estimating



Lieutenant Colonel  
Andrew R. Vrabec  
U.S. Air Force | Earned  
Value Management







Mr. Daniel M. Carroll  
U.S. Special Operations  
Command | Engineering



Ms. Valerie Clinkenbeard  
U.S. Army |  
Facilities Engineering



Mr. Jeffrey M. Martin  
U.S. Air Force | Financial  
Management



Mr. Michael R. Cirillo  
U.S. Marine Corps |  
Information Technology



Mr. George N. Graham, Jr.  
U.S. Special Operations Command |  
Life Cycle Logistics



Captain Charles M. Stuart  
U.S. Navy | Production, Quality, and  
Manufacturing



Dr. Charles A. Bass, Jr.  
U.S. Army | Science and  
Technology Manager



# DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS

## *Large Organization*



### **Defense Contract Management Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia**

The Honorable Ellen Lord; Kathleen Butera; Marie Greening; Chris Zubof; the Honorable Patrick Shanahan, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Lieutenant General Anthony Ierardi, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J8), Joint Staff

## *Small Organization*



### **U.S. Army Contracting Command, Orlando, Florida**

Front Row: Patricia Neal, Kimberly Tedeschi, Servola Frazier, Rosa Rivera, Jeff Claar  
Back Row: Kristie Brandon; the Honorable Ellen Lord; Joseph Giunta, the Honorable Patrick Shanahan; and Lieutenant General Anthony Ierardi.

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