

Call for nominations for the 2018 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting

This announcement is being sent on behalf of Mr. Stuart Hazlett, U.S. Army Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement.

I am pleased to announce that the call for nominations for the 2018 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting (SAAEC) is now open. Completed nomination packets are due by midnight ET, November 2.

Each year, these awards recognize the outstanding efforts toward contracting excellence and the professionalism of civilian and military organizations and individuals. These prestigious awards are presented only to those entrants whose accomplishments and abilities elevate them above the best in the field across the Army.

Nominees must have made contributions between May 1, 2017, and September 30, 2018. All Army service component commands, direct reporting units, program executive offices (PEOs) and HQDA are encouraged to nominate eligible contracting officers, other contracting workforce members and units or teams.

Awards will be given in several categories:

- Five special award categories: the Barbara C. Heald (Deployed Civilian) Award; the Exceptional Support of the Ability One Program Award; the Outstanding Contract Specialist/Procurement Analyst Award; the Contracting Professional of the Year Award; and the Contracting Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award.
- And eight awards-four for an outstanding individual and four for an outstanding unit or team-will be given in these categories: the Installation Level Contracting Office and/or Directorate of Contracting Award; the Systems, R&D, Logistics Support (Sustainment) Contracting Award; the Specialized Services and Construction Contracting Award; and the Contingency Contracting Award.

Each nomination must be endorsed by the PEO, principal assistant responsible for contracting or other appropriate senior official. Completed nomination packets must be submitted to the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center through the web-based call for nominations application at <https://asc.army.mil/web/contracting-awards/>. Detailed instructions for the SAAEC Awards-including samples of winning narratives from previous years-also can be found at that site.

Questions should be addressed to the awards coordinator, Yves B. Jackson, at 703-697-1075 or yves.b.jackson.civ@mail.mil. Technical questions regarding application submissions to the award website should be addressed to Vicky DeGuzman at 703-664-5633 or victoria.l.deguzman.civ@mail.mil.

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