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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Craig Spisak, Director, US Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC), 9900 Belvoir Road, Building 201, Suite 101, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5567

SUBJECT: Nomination for the 2019 Army Acquisition Executive's (AAE) Excellence in Leadership Award, Business Operations Professional of the Year Award

1. I strongly support the nomination of MAJ Scott Davis for the 2019 AAE Excellence in Leadership Award – Business Operations Professional of the Year Award. MAJ Davis' contributions to the messaging of the FY20 President's Budget merit special recognition.
2. MAJ Davis distinguished himself as a Financial Synchronization Officer in the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Plans, Programs and Resources by analyzing, compiling and briefing the shift in \$30B of research, development and acquisition (RDA) funding. He tirelessly worked with each PEO and the Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff to ensure his work was accurate and complete. He then briefed senior leadership before their Congressional and media engagements to ensure the data was conveyed correctly. Through his efforts, Congress and the American public received the Army Modernization Strategy in a favorable light and Congress is amenable to funding the efforts.
3. MAJ Davis is compliant with the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA); he is certified Level III in Program Management and has already met the continuous learning point requirement towards the cycle ending on 30 September 2020.
4. The point of contact for this nomination is LTC Anthony Passero at anthony.f.passero2.mil@mail.mil or 703-545-0766.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Reim", is positioned above the printed name.

JOHN T. REIM
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2019 Army Acquisition Executive's (AAE) Excellence in Leadership Award

BUSINESS OPERATIONS PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Administrative Information

Nominating Organization

Organization's Name: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Plans, Programs and Resources

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Name, Grade, and Position Title of Nominee

Name: Scott M. Davis

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Award Narrative

Specific achievements: Major Davis was solely responsible for the development of a mechanism to provide comprehensive and accurate data to capture the Army's reprioritization of \$30 Billion in research, development and acquisition funding and their impacts in accordance with the priorities of the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army for the FY20 Budget. He worked for eight months developing the product, working across organizations, consistently updating the information to ensure accuracy as changes were occurring based on Army Senior Leader decisions. He was able to confidently and accurately brief Army Senior Leaders, to include the Under Secretary of the Army, the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and the Army G-8 on his product. Major Davis diligently worked with each Project Manager Office to ascertain what percentage of their efforts were completed in which cities across the United States. He then broke out each city in its respective Congressional district so Army Senior Leaders could explain the impacts of the shift in funding on each district. Major Davis pre-briefed Army Senior Leaders prior to their engagements with Congressional leadership and industry partners. He often turned products around in a matter of minutes, which would have been achievable had he not been diligent in his efforts to ensure financial data integrity. His analytical skills were critical to the success of the messaging to Congress and industry to ensure minimal pushback on the Army's reprioritization and the success of future weapons system development. Major Davis' work has been mentioned in the mainstream news media as Army Senior Leaders held press conferences and engaged Congress and industry.

Value of the nominee's contributions during the award period to the mission of one's organization in supporting one or more of the ASA(ALT)'s priorities: Major Davis' contributions to the messaging of the FY20 Budget Rollout were critical to the successful information campaign. The campaign would not have been as successful without his efforts and diligence. His efforts helped paint a favorable public opinion of the Army's reprioritization in support of the modernization strategy.

Demonstration of leadership: Major Davis worked with offices across the Headquarters, Department of the Army and each Program Executive Office to ensure they understood the intent and ensured timely delivery of the information needed for Army Senior Leader messaging. He picked up the task, developed his team and led them to success. His succinct guidance and hours spent on the phone with each Program Executive Office Business Manager allowed a very thorough product which painted the right picture for Army Senior Leadership.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Plans, Programs and Resources specific criteria:

a. Support for auditability. Major Davis' efforts helped Congressional and industry leadership understand where funding moved from and why it moved to its current funding line.

b. Ability to meet PM-developed spend plans. His efforts reduce the risk of a continuing resolution triggered by Congress' reception to the Army Modernization Strategy.

c. Successful implementation of cost categories. Major Davis was critical in the FY20 Budget Rollout, allowing funding to remain where the Army plans to keep it.

d. Ability to meet OSD funds execution goals for Procurement Obligations. Timely enactment of the budget will help with meeting funding obligations. Major Davis has done his part to persuade Congress to approve the funding to accompany the Army Modernization Strategy.

e. Ability to meet OSD funds execution goals for RDTE Disbursements. Industry understanding of the funding they will receive upon enactment of the FY20 Budget allow them to lean forward and begin planning the work which needs to be done on modernization efforts.

Award Citation

Major Scott Davis successfully tracked and communicated the Fiscal Year 20 shift of \$30 Billion of research, development and acquisition funding for Army Senior Leaders. His efforts enabled Army Senior Leaders to brief Congress and industry partners to mitigate any pushback on the funding changes necessary to implement the Army Modernization Strategy. Major Davis delivered high quality products which created a shared understanding for the Army Staff and Secretariat that was critical for messaging the Fiscal Year 20 change in priorities. His leadership, analytical skills and determination were critical to the successful information campaign which was well received by Congress, industry and the American public. Major Davis' contributions reflect great credit on him, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and the United States Army.