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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (AASC), 9900 Belvoir Road, Building 201, Suite 101, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

SUBJECT: Nomination for the 2019 Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting – Outstanding Unit/Team Awards, Outstanding Unit/Team, Contingency Contracting

1. It is my honor to nominate the 902nd Contracting Battalion (CBN), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA for the 2019 Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting, Outstanding Unit/Team Awards, Outstanding Unit/Team, Contingency Contracting award.

2. The 902nd CBN was simultaneously deployed in three separate theaters of operation and four geographic continents in support of declared contingency operations, presidential emergency declarations, and other contingency-like environments. Most notably, the battalion deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve where the team completed more than 3,000 actions valued at over \$128 million and administered critical Logistics Civil Augmentation Program and Base Logistics Services (BLS) actions valued at more than \$1.6 billion. When the president issued the emergency declaration for border support, the battalion deployed members to California and Arizona where they successfully awarded 13 contracts for concrete barricades and BLS services, almost exclusively through small business set-asides without compromise to contract administration. The battalion also provided exclusive contract support to I Corps exercises in the Philippines and Australia, supported 1st Special Forces Group operations in the Pacific, and supported the first deployment of forces to Palau for the first time in 37 years.

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- 1. Summary of Accomplishments
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2019 SAAEC Outstanding Unit Award for Contingency Contracting

The 902nd Contracting Battalion (CBN), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, has demonstrated unparalleled mission support to Army and Joint warfighters across the globe during the period of 1 October 2018 through 30 September 2019. For long stretches of fiscal year (FY) 2019, the battalion simultaneously provided contracting support in three separate theaters of operation and across four geographic continents in support of declared contingency operations, presidential emergency declarations, and other contingency-like environments.

Most notably, the 902nd CBN successfully deployed the unit's headquarters to Iraq to assume mission command responsibilities for the entirety of contracting support provided to Operation Inherent Resolve. While serving as the RCC-OIR command element, the battalion was responsible for 34 Army 51Cs, 11 DoD Civilians, and 10 AF contracting. RCC-OIR successfully completed over 3,000 contract actions valued at over \$128 million. In addition to these theater support contracts, RCC-OIR administered critical LOGCAP and BLS contracts valued at over \$1.6 billion dollars. Major initiatives achieved by the battalion during its deployment included improvements to the 408th CSB and CJTF-OIR FOO Policy, realignment of all external contract support under the CCAS umbrella, and reorganization of the battalion staff to better support the CJTF-OIR OCSICs. Additionally, the 902nd's focus on contract administration ultimately resulted in the closeout of 416 contracts and de-obligation of \$39.4 million returned to requiring activities. Facilitating CJTF-OIR's ongoing fight to eliminate the threat posed by Daesh, stabilize the Government of Iraq, and bring peace to the region.

In November 2019, the battalion responded to the president's emergency declaration that required DoD to deploy troops along the Southwest border. The 902nd CBN deployed two members to provide contracting support to Joint forces deployed to California and Arizona ultimately awarding over \$1.2 million and 13 contracts for base life support services and concrete barricades employed by Army and Marine Corps engineers to harden land ports of entry in California and Arizona. The 902nd accomplished this support through an almost exclusive use of competitive small business set-asides without compromising focus on contract administration. Upon completion of the mission, the Battalion successfully de-obligated over \$325,000 in current FY19 funds from underspent CLINS for USARNORTH.

Throughout FY19, the 902nd continued to earn its reputation as a contracting unit of choice across the Army Contracting Command enterprise. The battalion deployed three personnel in support of the SOCCENT mission in Qatar where they awarded 35 contracts valued at more than \$19 million supporting operations in nine countries in the fight against ISIS. Additionally, the battalion deployed two personnel to augment the 918th CBN's deployment to Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan. The 902nd was also responsible for the entirety of contracting support for the I Corps led exercises of Salaknib/Balikatan in the Philippines and Talisman Sabre/Hamel in Australia. Additionally, the 902nd supported the first deployment of Army forces to the Island of Palau in over 37 years. In total, the battalion deployed eight personnel to the Pacific for extended durations in FY19. The 902nd also provided direct support to 1st SFG (A) operations across the Pacific through the administration of the only FOO program run by a MICC CBN in CONUS which supported seven appointed FOOs operating in 17 different countries.

Led by LTC Kevin P. Shilley and MSG Keita N. Lyles, the battalion never faltered from any assigned mission with over 80% of its assigned personnel deploying or operating in an extended TDY status in support of contingency contracting missions globally. Regardless of circumstances, the 902nd CBN consistently demonstrated a commitment to mission accomplishment through superior support to the warfighter.