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SUBJECT: Army Acquisition Call for Nominations – 2021 Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards

1. Our Army Acquisition Workforce (AAW) professionals, in collaboration with industry partners, have worked hard to support the National Defense Strategy to increase readiness and lethality while recently stepping up to also support the Nation's fight against COVID-19. I urge each of you to take this opportunity to recognize the best-of-the-best of outstanding professionals and teams for the prestigious 2021 Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards. Army nominations must be submitted to the Director, Acquisition Career Management Office (DACM) Office no later than 10 May 2021 in order to meet the submission deadline.
2. The award categories are:
 - a. The David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award: Recognizes Department of Defense (DoD) acquisition programs and their teams that have demonstrated exemplary acquisition excellence innovation and reform.
 - b. The Defense Acquisition Workforce Individual Achievement Award: Recognizes individuals who demonstrate the highest levels of excellence and professionalism in their respective acquisition functional area.
 - c. The Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Innovation Award: Recognizes acquisition organizations that have demonstrated exceptional innovation in talent management.
 - d. The Software Innovation Team Award: Established in 2019, recognizes teams that are driving speed and innovation in continuous software development and acquisition, as evidenced by frequent and high-quality delivery of software capabilities into the hands of warfighters.
 - e. The Flexibility in Contracting Award: Recognizes AAW professionals who demonstrate innovation and local adaptation by using the flexibilities and authorities granted by the Federal Acquisition Regulation and DoD Instruction 5000.02, "Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework."
3. Eligibility and submission details for each award category are provided in the enclosed documents. Each command/Program Executive Office/organization may

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submit one nomination per award category, and each nomination must be endorsed by the first General Officer/Senior Executive Service member in the chain of command. Nominations must be submitted electronically no later than 10 May 2021. For more details on award categories and criteria, and to submit your nominations, visit the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center website at: <http://asc.army.mil/web/acquisition-awards/>.

4. It is important that we recognize the outstanding annual contributions of our AAW professionals. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment will recognize award winners in a 15 December 2021 pre-recorded, streamed awards ceremony. Additional ceremony details will be forwarded at a later date.

5. My point of contact is Ms. Angela Sanson (Army DACM Office, Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards Program Manager) at 202-607-2110 or angela.n.sanson.civ@mail.mil.

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