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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2023 Army Acquisition Executive Excellence in Leadership Awards Call for Nominations

1. The nomination period for the 2023 Army Acquisition Executive (AAE) Excellence in Leadership Awards is now open and will close on September 7, 2023. These awards recognize Army Acquisition Workforce (AAW) and acquisition community professionals whose performance and contributions directly reflect outstanding achievements in support of Soldiers and in transforming the Army. I encourage organizations to consider the amazing work that our acquisition personnel accomplish on a daily basis and submit nominations to recognize those professionals. Nominations must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 7, 2023.

2. New for 2023: In alignment with Back-to-Basics, I am happy to announce the addition of four new awards that recognize exemplary efforts in the Test and Evaluation, Engineering and Technical Management, and Digital Transformation functional areas:

- Test and Evaluation Professional of the Year
- Test Organization of the Year
- Engineering and Technical Manager of the Year (incorporates the previous Science and Technology Professional of the Year and Engineer and System Integrator of the Year categories)
- Digital Transformation Manager of the Year

3. The award categories are:

- a. Acquisition Career Support Professional of the Year Award
- b. Business Operations Professional of the Year Award
- c. Defense Export and Cooperation Professional & Journeyman of the Year Award
- d. Test and Evaluation Professional of the Year Award
- e. Test Organization of the Year Award
- f. Engineering and Technical Manager of the Year Award
- g. Digital Transformation Manager of the Year Award
- h. Logistician of the Year Award
- i. Product Management/ Product Director Professional of the Year (O-5) Award
- j. Project Management/ Project Director Professional of the Year (O-6) Award
- k. Product Management/Product Director Team of the Year (O-5) Award
- l. Project Management/Project Director Team of the Year (O-6) Award
- m. Contracting Professional of the Year Award

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- n. Contracting Unit/Team of the Year Award
- o. Barbara C. Heald Deployed Civilian of the Year Award
- p. Outstanding Grants or Agreements Professional of the Year Award
- q. Innovation in Contracting Strategies Individual or Organization Award

4. Nominees' contributions must have been made between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023. All eligibility requirements and submission instructions for the AAE Excellence in Leadership Awards are posted on the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) website: <https://asc.army.mil/web/aae-awards/>. The awards will be presented by the AAE at the annual Army Acquisition Awards ceremony in January 2024.

5. Request Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units ensure that all subordinate organizations have the opportunity to nominate an eligible team and/or individual for these awards.

5. My point of contact for this program is Ms. Angela Sanson at (571) 574-0644, or angela.n.sanson.civ@army.mil.

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