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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: 2025 Army Acquisition Executive Excellence in Leadership Awards Call for Nominations**

1. The nomination period for the 2025 Army Acquisition Executive (AAE) Excellence in Leadership Awards is now open and will close on July 25, 2025. 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 daily and submit nominations to recognize those professionals. Nominations must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2025.

2. The award categories are:

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

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- l. Project Management/Project Director Office Team of the Year (O-6) Award
- m. Contracting Professional of the Year Award
- n. Contracting Team of the Year Award
- o. Barbara C. Heald (Deployed Contracting Civilian) Award
- p. Outstanding Grants or Agreements Professional of the Year Award
- q. Innovation in Contracting Strategies Individual or Organization Award
- r. Construction Services Contracting Professional of the Year Award
- s. Science and Technology (S&T) Team Technology Transition Achievement Award
- t. Science and Technology (S&T) Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) of the Year Award
- u. Science and Technology (S&T) Professional of the Year Award

3. Nominees' contributions must have been made between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025. 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 2026.

4. Request Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units with assigned acquisition personnel ensure that all subordinate organizations have the opportunity to nominate eligible individuals for this award.

5. My point of contact for this program is Ms. Rachel Longarzo, 520-684-6607, [rachel.m.longarzo.civ@army.mil](mailto:rachel.m.longarzo.civ@army.mil).

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