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OMB Issues First Alternative Dispute Resolution Awards

WASHINGTON -- Angela Styles, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), today presented the first Federal Procurement Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Awards, at a ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

The awards program recognizes innovative, non-litigious conflict resolution practices, such as arbitration and mediation. ADR provides an effective and expedited process for resolving contract disputes, allowing agencies and contractors to maintain long-term, solution-oriented relationships.

The 2002 awards, based on the recommendations of a distinguished panel of federal and private sector ADR professionals, were presented to:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Transportation -- Federal Aviation Administration
- United States Air Force
- Northrop Grumman Corporation

The awards program was established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) in coordination with the Procurement Executives Council and the Interagency ADR Working Group chaired by the Attorney General. Jay Stephens, the Associate Attorney General, and William Haynes, General Counsel of the Department of Defense made remarks prior to the presentation of awards.

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