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2009 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Awards Ceremony Recognizes Acquisition Stars and Celebrates the Year of the NCO and the 20th Anniversary of the AAC

ARLINGTON, Va., Oct. 4—The U.S. Army acquisition community held its 2009 AAC Annual Awards Ceremony Oct. 4 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott®.

The event, annually themed “Celebrating Our Acquisition Stars,” recognized the uniformed and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to acquire and procure the weapons, information, and equipment that combatant commanders and their Soldiers need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations in support of overseas contingency operations. This important occasion also highlighted two themes that are of special interest to the acquisition community—2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and the 20th Anniversary of the AAC.

Mr. Dean G. Popps, Acting Assistant Secretary of for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)) and host of the event, addressed the crowd of more than 450 people. He said, “We are here to showcase the significant achievements of the outstanding military and civilian members of the Army Acquisition Corps and the greater Army Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Workforce. It is my privilege to witness first-hand the fine work of these acquisition professionals daily and to know the great things they do for our warfighters—some of their work you may read about in the newspaper or hear on the news, but most we won’t ever hear about at all. Let me assure you that this dynamic community has successfully met every challenge over the last year, especially in the areas of expeditionary contracting and fielding urgent requirements.

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) Deputy Director COL Brian Winters presided over the event as Master of Ceremonies. The evening’s awards included:

1. The Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award
2. The Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Continuous Process Improvement Award
3. The Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting—Barbara C. Heald Award
4. The ASA(ALT) Contracting Noncommissioned Officer Award for Contracting Excellence
5. The Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards
6. The Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards
7. The Army Acquisition Excellence Awards

Event photos are available online at <http://asc.army.mil/conference/archives/photos.cfm>.

For more information about the 2009 AAC Awards Ceremony, please contact Ben Ennis at (703) 805-1035 or ben.ennis@us.army.mil. [See list of winners below.]

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2009 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony Winners

2009 Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award

Alejandro Urbina, PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support (CS&CSS)

2009 ASA(ALT) Contracting Noncommissioned Officer Award for Contracting Excellence

MSG Eliecer Quintero, 607th Senior Contingency Contracting Team, 410th Contracting Support Brigade

2009 Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Award (Barbara C. Heald Award)

Sarah Corley, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Mission and Installation Contracting Command

2009 Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Continuous Process Improvement Award (Tie)

HELLFIRE Captive Carry Monitoring, Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space

Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI) Lean Fielding Project, PEO Soldier, RFI Project Office

2009 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards

Research Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Large Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)

Small Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center, AMC

Collaboration Team of the Year

U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, and Engineering Center and U.S. Army Research Laboratory for the Lightweight Vehicle Underbody Protection System

2009 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards

Acquisition Director of the Year at the Lieutenant Colonel Level

LTC William Boruff, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Combat Vehicles, BAE York

Product Manager of the Year

LTC John Conway, PEO CS&CSS, Product Manager Logistics and Sustainment, MRAP Joint Project Office

Acquisition Director of the Year at the Colonel Level

COL John Cunnane, DCMA, Maryland and Afghanistan

Project Manager of the Year

COL Paul Ostrowski, PEO Special Programs, U.S. Special Operations Command, Center for Acquisition and Logistics

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2009 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards

Individual Sustained Achievement Award

John Caraway, PEO Aviation, Program Manager Aviation Systems

Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers Systems Award

Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor Team, PEO Aviation

Information Enabled Army Award (Tie)

Common Systems Integration Product Management Office Team, PEO Aviation, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Team, PEO Enterprise Information Systems

Transforming the Way We Do Business Award

Joint Logistics Advisory Council for Chemical and Biological Defense, JPEO Chemical and Biological Defense