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Acquisition Services Directorate wins the Chief Acquisition Officers (CAO) Council Acquisition Excellence Award

Department of the Interior, National Business Center's Acquisition Services Directorate wins CAO Award for Military OneSource Program

The Department of the Interior (DOI), National Business Center's (NBC) Acquisition Services Directorate (AQD) has been selected as the winner of the Chief Acquisition Officers (CAO) Council Acquisition Excellence Award for their efforts on the Military OneSource (MOS) Program. The CAO award was presented to acquisition team members of the MOS Program today, May 5, 2010, at the GSA Training Conference & Exposition in Orlando, FL.



The Acquisition Services Directorate and Department of Defense Military OneSource contract team receives the 2010 Chief Acquisition Officers Council Award from Dr. Karen Pica of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB

AQD was chosen as this year's award winner in the category of "increased competition in contracting or introduction of competition into an environment in which competition was historically low". In its six year history, the MOS Program had never been awarded competitively. However, through this competition, the

benefits now being achieved include enhanced program quality, doubling of small business subcontracting goals, AbilityOne involvement, and



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cost savings to the government. For the military family, the award of this contract continues their participation in the MOS Program, connecting them with identified non-clinical critical services that impact their lives every day.

On a government-wide level, the award of this contract has been referred to as a ‘showcase example for a total interaction’ approach to Interagency contracting. In an article published on November 30, 2009 in *Federal Times*, Mr. Shay Assad, Director of Defense Procurement, praised the effectiveness of the partnership between DoD and DOI for the MOS effort, and indicated his intent for similar collaborations in the near future with DOI.

The Military One Source Acquisition Team is comprised of 20 people, plus two executive sponsors. The team is staffed by both Interior and Department of Defense personnel. The MOS contract, awarded to Ceridian of Bloomington, Minnesota, is for a period of five years, and has a \$477 million value.

The Military OneSource Program (MOS) was created by the Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) Office within the Department of Defense (DoD) in 2002 to support military personnel and their families as a result of the Global War on Terror (GWOT). The MOS program, a primary source of information for troops and families, provides members of the Armed Forces and their families, about 6 million persons at locations worldwide, with a broad array of information and referrals to both military and civilian resources as well as counseling services. To learn more about the Military OneSource Program (MOS), please visit:

<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

About the Acquisition Services Directorate- The Acquisition Services Directorate (AQD), a line of business within the U.S. Department of the Interior’s National Business Center (NBC), provides a full spectrum of acquisition services to all Federal agencies. NBC/AQD is an ISO



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