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## **Congratulations to MDA Personnel Recognized for Quality Assurance**

Air Force Lieutenant General Henry "Trey" Obering III, Missile Defense Agency Director, today announced two MDA organizations have been named for excellence in quality assurance by the states of Colorado and Alabama respectively.

The Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center (MDIOC), located at Schriever Air Force Base, has been awarded the Colorado Performance Excellence Award, Foothills Level. This award acknowledges organizations that demonstrate effective and systematic operational approaches, which are responsive to the overall requirements of the Foothills Criteria for Performance Excellence. The MDIOC is instrumental in tying together the various sensors, interceptors and commands that comprise the MDA's overall architecture to provide missile defense to the U.S. homeland, allies and friends, and forces forward deployed.

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) Program office has been recognized as a Level II winner in this year's Alabama State Quality Award's Progress toward Excellence competition. THAAD is a rapidly deployable ground-based missile defense component, with the capability of shooting down enemy threats both inside and just outside the atmosphere. The program office is located in Huntsville, Alabama.

These two prestigious awards are "objective evidence" that quality assurance is at the forefront of everything MDA does.

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