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SUBJECT: The Richard 'Dick' Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award

Last year, the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy office implemented the "Richard 'Dick' Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award." While this annual award acknowledges the contributions of all Contingency Contracting Officers (CCO), it singles out the one CCO who best emulates Mr. Ginman's unparalleled support of the Contingency Contracting Community. Attached are the nomination instructions and criteria. The awardee will be recognized on a date and location to be later identified.

I encourage each of you to nominate a deserving individual who has served as a CCO during calendar year 2014. Nominations should be sent via e-mail to my point of contact below by July 15, 2015. Questions can be directed to my point of contact, Ms. Barbara Trujillo, at barbara.j.trujillo2.civ@mail.mil or 571-256-7010.


RADM Althea Coetzee
Acting Director, Defense Procurement
and Acquisition Policy

Attachment:
As stated

The Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Military members or Government civilian employees within the DoD acquisition/contracting community at any grade level who meet the criteria as detailed below throughout the preceding calendar year.
2. **BACKGROUND:** Contingency Contracting Officers (CCOs) are some of the first responders to an emergency, humanitarian and disaster relief, contingency or outright war event. They often deploy with little more than a laptop and an understanding of the mission, concept of the operation, and commander’s intent. Contingency operations require a tremendous amount of work, improvisation, and dedication from our CCOs. This annual award honors those whose actions as a Contingency Contracting Officer are truly inspirational.

The award is named after Richard “Dick” Ginman, a retired Navy Supply Corps Admiral and former Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP). Mr. Ginman has steadfastly proven to be one of the staunchest supporters of CCOs and the contingency contracting mission. The first award was presented by Mr. Ginman. Successive awards will be presented annually by the Director of DPAP in OUSD(AT&L).

The Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award will be implemented in the same manner as the Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award.

3. **AWARD CRITERIA:** The Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award recognizes CCOs at all levels in the DoD acquisition/contracting community who have deployed, accomplished the mission, and excelled through adversity in supporting contingency operations. The nominee who is selected for this honor will be recognized at an Acquisition Community Senior Leader Meeting, generally held annually at the Pentagon.

Nomination narratives must provide a concise background for context, and should clearly demonstrate why the nominee’s accomplishments warrant recognition by this award.

Nominations shall be limited to a single page and, at a minimum, should address the following:

- a. Describe the contingency/operation/mission and the circumstances requiring a CCO.
- b. Describe the tasks accomplished and how they exceptionally supported the mission/commander’s intent.
- c. Describe any hardships endured and how the CCO innovatively overcame adversity to ensure contract awards were timely, compliant with prescribed policies and regulations, and in the best interest of the U.S. Government and taxpayer.

In addition to the one-page write-up, submissions should include the nominee’s biography, also limited to one page.

4. INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. The Director of DPAP will annually solicit nominees from the components for this award.
- b. Each component may nominate one individual for each cycle. Nominations will be no longer than two pages in length, including a one-page biography. Forward nomination packages to Barbara Trujillo at barbara.j.trujillo2.civ@mail.mil no later than July 15, 2015.
- c. The Deputy for Contingency Contracting will provide recommendations to Director, DPAP, who will select the award recipient(s).
- d. The Director, DPAP will present the award recipient(s) with a letter of recognition and appropriate award with brass nameplate (generally an eagle sculpture).
- e. The individual(s) selected for the Award will be posted online at the DPAP webpage.