

2015 CCO Excellence Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2015 Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award is Master Sergeant Jeremy J. Swistak. Master Sergeant Jeremy J. Swistak served as the Senior Enlisted Leader and Base Support Team Lead at Headquarters (HQ), International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF)/Resolute Support (RS), Kabul, Afghanistan, in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He trained and mentored international and local Afghan contracting specialists to award and effectively administered 572 service, commodity, and construction contracts valued at \$125 million supporting HQ Allied Command Counterintelligence, Combined Joint Communications, Combined Joint Engineers, AFCENT Combined Air Operation Center Detachment, and the Base Support Group (BSG). With threat conditions so restrictive that local contractors were unable to deliver critical materials, Sergeant Swistak joined a mounted patrol executing a six-hour mission to escort a 22-truck convoy successfully through enemy territory with no loss of materiel or personnel. Not only was his presence required to verify Contracting Officer authority with Afghan security forces, but he had to charge his weapon and pull perimeter security amid crowded streets at each of over 12 checkpoints throughout Kabul. When the office experienced hardship due to emergency absence of the Office Chief, Sergeant Swistak bridged the gap as the sole warranted CCO and ensured seamless workload management with no time lost. Congratulations to Master Sergeant Swistak.



Photo: **Ms. Claire Grady** (Director, DPAP) and **Master Sergeant Jeremy J. Swistak** (Award Recipient)



Photo: **Mr. John M. Lyle** (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting) for Headquarters U.S. Air Force), **Ms. Claire Grady** (Director, DPAP), **Master Sergeant Jeremy J. Swistak** (Award Recipient), **Tiffani Swistak** (Wife of Sergeant Swistak), **CMSgt Anthony Johnson** (Air Force Contracting Career Field Manager and Chief Enlisted Policy)