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Packard Award Winners Announced

The 2001 Army winner of the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award for contributions made in Fiscal Year 2000 is the Small Computer Program, U.S. Army Communications Electronic Command (CECOM). The team will be honored during Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week at the Pentagon on September 10, 2001.

The Army Small Computer Program has successfully negotiated a series of software enterprise agreements, which resulted in discounted prices and leveraged the combined buying power of the Army and the Department of Defense (DOD). The David Packard Award is the highest acquisition award given by DOD and recognizes teams that have made significant contributions that demonstrate exemplary innovation and best acquisition practices.

The Defense Acquisition Executive (DAE) Certificate of Achievement also will be awarded to three Army recipients during Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week. The DAE Certificate of Achievement recognizes organizations, groups and teams for exceptional contributions in reducing life-cycle costs and/or improving DOD's acquisition systems and programs.

The U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command Acquisition Center "Reverse" Auctioning Project Team (ERAPT) was chosen for their innovative approach and initiative in demonstrating how the use of auctioning, particularly reverse auctioning, provides a timely and viable approach to furthering acquisition reform.

The Joint Program Office for Biological Defense Joint Field Trial Team was recognized for providing the biological defense acquisition community with proven technologies that can be inserted at any point in a program's life cycle and reduce cost, schedule and performance risk.

Finally, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance Contract (SETAC) Team was selected for their use of standard templates when receiving or issuing new or revised requirements, receiving proposals and/or task management plans. Using these templates enabled the team to save time and money by reducing both the requiring activity's preparation time and the contract specialist's time.

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