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Dear Fellow Federal Employees:

Welcome to the 2014 FEB Excellence in Government Awards program. It is truly a privilege to be able to participate in an event such as this to acknowledge the extraordinary achievements of our federal workforce.

We gather today to recognize those men and women who dedicate their lives to serving the public good. It is a day in which we come together as a federal community and shake the hands of those among us who have accepted the challenge of pursuing excellence. It is a time when the Federal community has displayed an undying determination to maintain the Public Good and even excellence in the pursuit of accomplishing agency missions. Social Security and Veterans benefits continue to be delivered, taxes are collected and refunds processed, borders and federal properties are kept safe, our waterways and environment are protected and our American values are defended. In essence the work of the Federal Government continues.

"The men and women who have the right ideals... are those who have the courage to strive for the happiness which comes only with labor and effort and self-sacrifice, and those whose joy in life springs in part from power of work and sense of duty." — [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

It is an honor to be able to recognize federal employees who strive for excellence and regularly exceed expectations in accomplishing their jobs. Having the opportunity to see, as Chair of the FEB, the distinguished accomplishments of the employees of the federal community has given me a renewed sense of pride. I am fortunate to be a member of a workforce comprised of such caring, hard-working, intelligent and dedicated employees.

In closing, I also want to thank all the men and women who have made this event possible...many federal helping hands were needed! But a special thanks is extended to our FEB Executive Director, Lisa Makosewski, who carried the lion's share of this project to enable others in our community to execute our highly successful event. Thank you, Lisa!

I sincerely hope that you all enjoy the celebration of excellence and accept the admiration and congratulations of the federal community that you so greatly deserve.

D. Scott Blake
FY 2014 Chair
Philadelphia FEB

2014 FEB Excellence in Government Awards Ceremony

Call to Order

*Joseph Hvorecky
General Services Administration*

National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks

*Karen Franchi, US ACE
2nd Vice Chair, Philadelphia Federal Executive Board*

Presentation of FEB Excellence in Government Awards

*Economy in Government Operations
Outstanding Technical Achievement
Outstanding Administrative Support Accomplishment
Outstanding Technical Support Accomplishment
Outstanding Scientific Accomplishment
Outstanding Professional Achievement
Supervisory Achievement
Management Achievement
Improved Federal Image
Valor
Outstanding Community Service
Special Accomplishment
Service Excellence
Outstanding Mentor/Coach
Steadfast Achievement*

Presentation of CFC Executive Leadership Award

Ray Smith, Eastern Pennsylvania and South Jersey CFC

Closing Remarks

*Lisa Makosewski
Executive Director, Philadelphia Federal Executive Board*

Award Nominees

Economy in Government Operations – Achievement resulting in a significant savings of time, money, or efficiency in mission accomplishment or recouping improper government costs. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher B. Runt, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Runt is nominated for excellence in improving efficiency and cost effectiveness of government operations for the U.S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation mission. His efforts impacted the entire Fifth Coast Guard District. His thorough evaluation and redistribution of assets yielded hundreds of thousands in savings for the service. Furthermore, his recommendations of the best practices to modernize aging infrastructure and Aids to Navigation systems helped improve the safety of navigational channels in the Delaware Bay Captain of the Port Zone.

Groups

Continuous Process Improvement Office, NAVSUP WSS

Brian Keeley, Frank Crupi, Josh DeBeary, Bob Flake, Diana Kohler, Daniel Martinez, Danielle Mcavoy, Dawn Miller, Dawn Morgan-Moore, Kristy Ropars, Denise Ross, Samad Syed, Mike Troy, Guillermo Ulmos

The Continuous Performance Improvement (CPI) office executes its vision by targeting suboptimal processes for improvement. These endeavors consist of reducing cost, increasing quality and identifying and removing process constraints. The end results are leaner, more efficient processes that allow our Command to deliver unsurpassed Fleet support. In fiscal year 2013, the CPI office guided the workforce through 30 projects totaling \$42.2M in cost avoidance. In these lean budgetary times, the CPI office embodies the mandate of the people to be good stewards of the tax payers' money.

DMDC, GSA

Ruslan Gorbonos, Michael Baumann, Angela Bennert, Ryan Schrank, Andrew Nieradka, Laura Taddei, Katheen Barksdale

The Region 3 AAS DMDC team is being nominated for outstanding support to the Defense Manpower Data Center's (DMDC) Worldwide IT Integration requirement. In August 2012, DMDC contacted R3 for assistance in awarding their #1 priority project. DMDC was looking for an innovation solution to combine four separate, but technically related contracts, into a single integrated solution. Using innovative acquisition techniques, R3 awarded a \$548M base plus 4 option years order. The team achieved discounts ranging from 15%-20% equating to customer savings of approximately \$82M. Additionally, DMDC was able to save 2 FTE by having a single, integrated solution.

F/A-18 Integrated Weapon System Team (IWST), NAVSUP WSS

CDR Nicholas Russo, Stephen McFadden, LCDR Peter Holdorf, Donna Francis, LCDR Andy Trout, Glenn Lindabury, Joseph Fay, Eric Ahlquist, Craig Aimone, George Ball, Patricia Biddle, Larry Blackman, Jeremy Brown, Christyna Bruce, Barry Cleaver, Maritza Colon, Daniel Corney, Jenessa Crosley, William Durante, Joseph Gauthier, Steve Hardman, Dyani Higgins, Danielle Jarousse, Warren Jaskel, Meghan Jones, Charles Kaericher, Danielle Kennedy, Megan Lage, Timothy Lypka, William Malkus, Catherine Marbach, Timothy McCans, Casey O'Connell, Anne O'Reilly, Michael Pritchard, Fran Robb, Thomas Strain, Kristin Summers, Cynthia Trejo, Rebecca Vanderlinden, Donna Vecchione, Emily Veltri, Margaret Wilby, Brian Winters

The F/A-18 IWST was instrumental in transferring material support responsibilities for 570 Super Hornet aircrafts from a corporate Performance Based Logistics contract to traditional support. Over a span of 18 months, the Team executed a \$1B reconstitution of E/F/G wholesale pipelines, assumed management of 900 new repairables, established 29 direct repair contracts and 8 Commercial Support Agreements, and relocated physical inventory of 11,400 consumables and a \$150 million supplemental pipeline. These efforts yielded a 51 percent reduction in total F/A-18 backorders, reduced one component's Repair Turn Around Time by 125 days, and avoided \$25M in Supply Chain Management fees annually.

"Faster, Cheaper, Greener" Green Infrastructure Initiative Team, EPA

Kenneth Hendrickson, Denise Rigney, Dominique Lueckenhoff, Donna Mooney, Kim Scalia

Successful collaborative development of creative solutions to accelerate attainment of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, through identification and transfer of high performing, lower cost green infrastructure technologies and Public Private Partnership (P3) financing strategies

Property Sales Allocation Green Belt Project, GSA

Ivana Henry, Karen Craig, George Elefante, Becky Kauffman, Kevin Murphy

They say “green is the color of money”, that someone can have a “green thumb”, or can be “green with envy”. In the case of a recent project completed by the Property Sales Allocation Green Belt Team, all three aptly apply. The team was able to reduce cycle time by 93% when assigning available sales items, which will translate into time savings of 1,750 and \$125,000 over 5 years. With other programs now looking to replicate, I guess you could say this project was given the “green” light of success.

RCRA Corrective Action LEAN Performance Management Team, EPA

Wayne Naylor, Donna Weiss, Paul Gotthold, Luis Pizarro, Kevin Bilash, Sheila Briggs-Steuteville, Jacqueline Morrison

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) places affirmative obligations on approximately 3700 facilities nation-wide to investigate and cleanup areas of contamination. The "RCRA Corrective Action LEAN Performance Management Team" is recognized for a “First of its Kind” approach to implementing process changes to reduce the length of time needed to complete environmental investigations and required cleanups from an average of 19.4 years down to 5.1 years - Thereby, bringing about the protection of human health and the environment more effectively and efficiently. The improvements will reduce staff time, salary and resources dedicated to each facility.

Outstanding Technical Achievement – Achievement in perfecting or designing a system, procedure, or product that furthers organizational mission performance. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Michael J. Mazzarella, NSWCCD SSES

Mr. Michael Mazzarella is nominated for the design, implementation and perfection of the NSWCCD-SSES Code 90 Data Acquisition System (DAS), utilized throughout the U.S. Navy in critical Hull, Mechanical and Electrical (HM&E) Test and Evaluation (T&E) efforts. This has resulted in software and hardware modules with similar functionality across various DAS projects and deliveries. Accordingly, in FY07 Mr. Mazzarella spearheaded an effort to develop a common set of systems requirements for all projects. Once requirements were developed, system architecture was derived based on common hardware and software modules, providing significant benefits, including improved performance while reducing costs.

Christina M. Mullins, GSA

Christina Mullins was selected among applicants across the country to perform as the Project Manager for the GSA Acquisition Portal. Ms. Mullins served in this capacity in addition to performing her regular duties as a Contracting Officer. Her responsibilities included working with a cross functional team that was tasked with designing and establishing a single web based point of access to GSA’s acquisition resources. This tool makes GSA more efficient by having a one-stop location that is easy to use. This effort has been attempted multiple times and only Ms. Mullins was able to successfully implement the portal.

Jack Pezza, NSWCCD SSES

Mr. Jack Pezza is nominated for the Philadelphia Federal Executive Board Outstanding Technical Achievement Award for his exemplary technical management of the U.S. Navy’s submarine Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) main storage battery system shock qualification program as the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) 05P1 technical management lead. Due to his oversight and technical know-how, Mr. Pezza was able to bring the program back on schedule and budget, mitigating cost overruns of more than \$1M and a four-year delay, delivering a shock harden battery system to the submarine fleet.

Janice Shoup, IRS

Janice Shoup developed an extraordinary initiative to communicate Identity Theft awareness and education to an audience of over 4,000 employees at the Philadelphia Campus of the Internal Revenue Service. She led a team of analysts in the

development of a saga that depicted a taxpayer's journey through an identity theft ordeal. The saga demonstrated problems encountered and steps to take when confronted with an identity theft situation. The information was delivered through articulate presentations that were released periodically on the local television displays, posters and e-mail communications. The presentations captured the employees' attention and they looked forward to each episode.

Brett Thomas, GSA

GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Asset Manager Brett Thomas led a regional effort to develop the Historical Tenant Improvement (TI) Database, a central repository necessary to capture historical TI pricing data. GSA can utilize this data on future procurements, to search for comparable projects and relevant pricing information. This information is vital in preliminary discussions with federal agency customers during requirements development to determine if their TI allowance is sufficient or if supplemental funding will be required. Additionally, this information can be used as another resource during TI negotiations.

Groups

Advanced Data Acquisition, Prototyping Technologies, & Virtual Environments (ADAPT.VE) Lab Team, NSWCCD SSES

Robert J. Santoro, Timothy Klingensmith, Pinkesh Bharatia, Patrick Violante, Scott Storms, Nicholas Cifelli, Caitlin Swec, Joshua Barrett

The ADAPT.VE Lab Team collaboratively develops innovative techniques for furthering model centric design by incorporating laser metrology equipment and post processing software to provide accurate and effective 3D solutions to difficult problems, while reducing time to deliver solutions and total ownership cost to the Navy. The Team's innovative developments and techniques have greatly expanded the capabilities and efficiencies of NSWCCD-SSES and other Navy activities. Additionally, these advance technology developments have the potential to revolutionize the way the Navy performs advance planning/engineering, training, and maintenance & repair production work.

AM Communications Team, IRS

Andrea Taratuski, Sunday Witts, Maitreya Moore, Linda Murdock, Barbara Veglucci

The Accounts Management (AM) Communications Team was created to improve communications within the Philadelphia IRS AM Directorship and actively engages more than 2 thousand AM employees. The team developed a process and webpage, "AM Voices," to ensure employees receive prompt responses to questions and concerns submitted anonymously to the Accounts Management Field Director via AM Voices and during Focus Group and Town Hall Meetings. The team coordinated responses to 100 percent of issues raised, letting employees know their input is valued and giving them assurance that answers will be provided and posted to AM Voices for all employees to view.

Blue Mountain Reclamation Team, EPA

EPA: Charlie Root, Bruce Pluta
Fish and Wildlife Service: Kathleen Patnode

This team is being recognized for their outstanding efforts over a period of many years to re-establish vegetation on Blue Mountain near Palmerton, PA. Decades of air releases from zinc smelting operations had completely wiped out all vegetation on large sections of Blue Mountain. This team has worked tirelessly to evaluate and implement reclamation techniques to restore vegetation on the mountain. Through their efforts over 13,000 trees have been planted and over 2,500 acres of land have been revegetated, setting the scene for natural succession to reestablish an eastern deciduous forest on Blue Mountain.

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Diagnostic Inspection Area Leaders, NRC

David M. Kern, Samuel L. Hansell, Jr.

Team Leaders from the NRC, Region I Office demonstrated exceptional performance in the development and oversight of a rare and unique diagnostic inspection at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. They reviewed operations and engineering performance to determine the breadth and depth of safety, organizational, and programmatic issues and evaluate whether continued operation of the facility was acceptable. They identified deficiencies regarding procedure quality, lack of operational focus, human performance weaknesses, and lack of excellence standard. The Team Leaders ensured public

health and safety was maintained through an independent and comprehensive assessment of Browns Ferry's operators, equipment, programs and processes.

Camden BIM Pilot Project Team, GSA

Steve DeVito, Michael Margolis, Michael Robinson, Becky Reilly, Mike Marley, Matt Leonard, Dennis Canlas, Christopher Mercer, Lisa Neimeister, Joseph Scharnagl, Mike Trotter, Jeff Johnson

The Camden Building Information Modeling (BIM) for Facility Management (FM) and Energy Management Pilot Team's objective is to provide previously unavailable tools to Facility Managers and Building Engineers by integrating disparate Building Information Modeling (BIM) systems, Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS), and Building Automation Systems (BAS) through a single application. Proprietary middleware was developed to foster communicative possibilities. Leveraging the synergy of these disparate systems allows the ability to instantaneously access information and data, which was otherwise not readily available. This is the first project of its kind across the country, as this technology had not previously been commercially developed.

F/A-18 Windshield LECF Team, NAVSUP WSS

Karen Faber, Meghan Hubley, Richard Jethon, John Kosempel, Janessa Crosley, Steve Hardman, Helene Dick, LCDR Andy Trout

The F/A-18 Windshield Logistics Engineering Change Proposal Team worked tirelessly to develop an initiative that would modify spare F/A-18 Hornet aircraft windshield panels to fit F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets and EA-18G Growlers. Their success will not only save the Navy approximately \$8 million over fiscal years 2015 and 2016 but will also reduce production lead time of replacement windshields by over 15 months. The savings will be obtained by converting and reusing Hornet C and D windshields, thereby eliminating the need to buy brand new units to support the newer planes.

Small Business Goaling Success Initiative, GSA

Mitsu Asher, Angela Christiansen, Ray Cwenar, Kelly Hutchins, Michael Wano

Midway through FY 2013, Region 3 FAS found themselves underperforming in a key agency metric – small business procurement spending. Through strong analysis, key partnerships, and unyielding determination, the Small Business Goaling Team correctly identified a complex issue and distributed over \$5 million in TOPS procurement dollars that allowed the agency to surpass their **Small Business Goal of 21%, reaching 68%** (224% increase) and demonstrate their commitment to small business. Like a spinning top, these TOPS may have toppled over for a moment, but this team made sure they were quickly placed back in motion and are spinning stronger than ever!

T-64 Engine Support Team, NAVSUP WSS

Gina Bigley, John Jevit, James Brennan, Ricky Neason, David Russial, Terry Frederick, Mary Ellen Lavelle, James Womelsdorf, Taylor Adams, David Fischer, Michelle Graham

The NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support T64 Engines Support Team successfully met the critical support requirements of the Warfighter through a Repair-of-Repairables (ROR) contract first awarded to General Electric Aviation in May 2006. Since that time, repair turnaround times have decreased by 28%, Fleet backorders have been reduced to less than 5%, and component availability has increased to greater than 95%. By working closely with GE, NAVAIR, Fleet Readiness Center-East and other individual operational units in executing the ROR contract, the team enhanced engine availability by consistently maintaining over 500 Ready-for-Issue engines to support mission readiness.

Urban Surplus Food Recovery Model Team, EPA

Tom O'Donnell, Luke Wolfgang, Melissa W. Pennington, Matthew Lee

As part of EPA's Sustainable Material Management (SMM) program and EPA's Food Recovery Challenge (FRC), members of Region 3's Land and Chemicals Division set out to divert food from landfills utilizing a non-traditional, community-based approach to food recovery. This approach was to develop a Surplus Food Recovery Model in an urban setting to promote the diversion of food from solid waste landfill by promoting composting and food donation to needy members of a community. This was the first time that a community-based program involving so many different people and local organizations in the important area of food diversion was attempted.

Outstanding Administrative Support Accomplishment – For clerical, secretarial, or other administrative support employees whose exceptional performance significantly facilitated the work of others. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Kathleen Gavin, DCAA

Mrs. Gavin has dedicated over 24 years to Federal service in the Philadelphia area, including the last 7 supporting the DCAA. She is responsible for providing administrative assistance to over 40 auditors at four separate locations in NJ and Pennsylvania with annual audits exceeding approximately \$1 billion. She is a steadfast fiscal monitor, with a common sense approach to smart spending. During GFY 2013 she developed several cost cutting measures, including a toner-sharing program, saving the government thousands. Through her demonstrated work ethics, initiative and dedication, she has proven herself an invaluable asset to the Federal service and specifically the DCAA.

Kristy Karlkvist, GSA

Without Kristy Karlkvist, R3 GSA FAS would not run as efficiently as it does. Kristy not only assists with the day to day duties of the top leadership, she also leads Regional programs that help set the strategic focus for our employees while promoting forward-thinking initiatives such as our Strategic Planning and Execution, Workplace Mobility Pilot and Regional Cross-Training. Kristy never says “no,” manages a heavy workload, and does this all with a smile. She is truly a pleasure to work with.

Melissa McCullough, OCHR Philadelphia

Since her arrival in 2012, Ms. McCullough demonstrated a remarkable ability to quickly learn the intricacies of the DON’s recruitment tool, USA Staffing—enabling her to make an immediate contribution to OCHR Philadelphia’s unique Bureau of Medicine and Surgery’s (BUMED) Recruitment work unit. Ms. McCullough soon displayed significant initiative when improving a number of BUMED work processes, which led to filling these hard-to-fill positions in a timelier manner with highly qualified candidates. Her forward thinking and enthusiasm enhanced the reputation of the work unit as well as the organization as a whole and enabled the HR Specialists to perform their work more efficiently.

Groups

Continuing Legal Education/Training Support Team, EPA

Lorena Burgos, Shirlita Nunn

Lorena Burgos and Shirlita Nunn, in addition to their regular assignments, excel in managing the complex internal and external training that attorneys at EPA Region III need to practice law.

Contracts Group Performance Indicator Owners, DCMA Philadelphia

Laurie Piazza, Thomas Copestick, Joseph Sanfilippo

The team provided exceptional management and oversight as dual hatted Supervisory Contract Specialists and voluntary Performance Indicator Owners (Performance Indicators are Agency Metrics used to evaluate the performance effectiveness of the organization’s functional specialists). In addition to their assigned responsibilities as supervisors, the team performed additional duties as Performance Indicator Owners for three (3) geographically dispersed offices, providing performance briefings for Monthly Management Reviews, Quarterly Performance Reviews, and POCs for the Mission Review Team (MRT) Audit in 2013. The team performed these additional duties without degradation of their supervisory responsibilities.

Paralegal Support Staff, MSPB

Kathleen Schlichting, Dennis Matthews, Roy Mazique

In the summer of 2013, MSPB’s Northeastern Regional Office faced a crisis due to 6,500 filed furlough appeals; a 900% increase above normal. Despite being short staffed, three Paralegals rose to the challenge, first, through overtime and not taking vacation. Next, they saved significant time and money by creating electronic files, allowing them to quickly consolidate appeals for adjudication, and becoming the model of efficiency for all MSPB offices. Their outstanding efforts continue to pay dividends, as the Northeastern Regional Office was first in the country to begin adjudicating large furlough consolidations and has issued more furlough decisions than any other MSPB office to date.

Outstanding Technical Support Accomplishment – Achievement as a technician supportive of the technical or professional work of the organization, e.g., engineering technician, laboratory assistant, taxpayer service representative, claims/benefits processor, etc. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Toni M. Alford, GSA

As a Business Management Specialist, Ms. Alford is responsible for providing timely business intelligence in relation to GSA's support to the US Government mission in the Mid-Atlantic region and to support GSA's ongoing support in Europe, Africa & the Middle East. Her over arching mission is to provide business intelligence which links a client agency requirement to GSA capabilities to provide service, solution or a contract vehicle. Her timely actions directly attributed to GSA successfully maintaining \$4.1 billion in annual support to the U.S. government mission in the Mid-Atlantic Region to include Europe, Africa & Middle East during FY 2013.

Andrew Bigley, USDA/ARS-ERRC

Andy Bigley's innovative research has improved the safety and quality of foods. Recently, he co-invented a radiofrequency process that quickly and gently pasteurizes shell eggs, leading to a patent application being filed in 2013. The USDA estimates that the annual number of illnesses from *Salmonella* in eggs would decrease by over 110,000 if all shell eggs were pasteurized. Andy is an authority on data acquisition and infrared temperature sensing and has been a member of the ERRC Incident Response Team for 12 years. Andy is the best technician I have supervised in my 34 year career as a chemical engineer.

Keith Kratzer, DCMA Philadelphia

During 2013, Keith Kratzer made significant, efficient, and effective contributions to Department of Defense, Defense Contract Management Agency's mission while supporting customers, acting as a good steward of tax payer's fiscal resources and a conscientious supporter of America's war-fighters. Keith worked vigorously to influence contractors in their efforts to prevent manufacturing schedule delays and delivery slippage. He provided guidance and training to new employees regarding DCMA policies and procedures related to the Manufacturing & Production Industrial Specialist position. Keith went above and beyond to perform the duties of an Industrial Specialist and is respected by both his superiors and peers for his deep knowledge. He promoted high quality performance and efficiency throughout the DCMA team.

Danielle McCullough, NAVSUP WSS

One of the many initiatives under the FIRST Performance Based Logistics transition back to traditional Navy support was transferring repair responsibility of various servo-cylinders to the Original Equipment Manufacturer, Parker Hannifin Corporation. Specifically, the Trailing Edge Flap Servo-Cylinder had been a major Fleet support issue for many years with backorders peaking at 150. This effort would be closely monitored by the Fleet to ensure support improved over time. Since taking on this effort, Danielle has driven backorders down to 0 and reduced repair turnaround time down from 220 days to 95 days, saving the Navy \$12.5M.

Victor "Sonny" Phillip, NAVSUP WSS

Sonny leads the Advanced Recovery Control (ARC) supply support improvement effort in addition to his primary duties as a Logistics Element Manager. In his capacity as an ARC item manager, he quickly identified issues with the challenging system, developed a corrective action plan, and began executing improvement efforts. Sonny leads regular drumbeats among all key stakeholders as well as program reviews focused on improving top Fleet degraders. His exceptional efforts have significantly improved supply support for the ARC system resulting in an extraordinary 84% backorder reduction over the last 2 years.

Joseph Strine, NSWCCD SSES

Joseph Strine has been leading the way to millions of dollars a year in deferred flex hose maintenance through his leadership and execution of the Critical Flex Hose Life Extension Program. Mr. Strine developed the test criteria and successfully proofed in the concept with the hose OEM that would allow the Navy to provide evidence to the Technical Warrant Holders that the Navy could safely defer critical flex hose replacements. The testing consisted of cycle testing hoses that were in service for 12 – 20 years until failure while testing a new hose right beside the test case.

Damien Thomas, HUD

Damien Thomas has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Federal government meets its obligation to determine the effects that federally-funded demolition and redevelopment activities will have on the Queen Lane Apartments, which is located on the former site of Pottter’s Field of Germantown, a burial ground for slaves and others dating back to the late 18th century colonial period. His leadership resulted in an executed Programmatic Agreement that outline how demolition and construction activities will be taken to avoid any adverse effects on the known and/or future discovery of historical resources at the site.

Groups

Ballistic Missile Defense Teams, DCMA Lockheed Martin

Phyllis Greco, Luke Kirby, William Styer

The Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) and Japan Ballistic Missile Defense (JBMD) Early Development Team at DCMA Lockheed Martin Moorestown New Jersey has demonstrated high quality work in the Software Acquisition Management demonstrating expertise, experience and professionalism. Further, they have exhibited superior dedication and vast technical skills which is essential in understanding the software development objectives which leads to a quality product for the customer. These talented individuals work as a synergetic force committed to their customers and also to each other. They have undertaken an effort to improve the software development early development processes.

Centralized Insolvency Essential Personnel, IRS

Brian Brasford, Mary Costello, Monet Cox, Elizabeth Dykeman, Charmaine Gilliam, Nancy Green, Pamela Hardy, Dorothy Jennings, Linda Lee, Evelyn Lopez, Ruth Patterson, Anna Phillips, Kweku Quaison-Sackey, Laura Rau, Samantha S.Ricca, Daureen Rivers, Priti M.Shah, Denise Shane, Christopher Spiegle, Paul Steed Jr., John Temcheshshen, Joandella Young and Donna Willin.

Centralized Insolvency Operation essential personnel team performed work that was not only vital to providing the taxpayers with top quality service but protect the Internal Revenue Service financial interest in bankruptcy cases. Each member of the team changed priorities and switching programs and functions on a daily basis to protect the taxpayer from unwarranted enforcement action. This group of employees all adapted to the daily changes with a positive attitude and worked hard as a cohesive team to meet the high standards of the Service.

Damage Control, Recoverability, and Chemical/Biological Defense Waterfront Support Team, NSWCCD SSES

Richard Lloyd Dieter, John F. Naylor

The team provided remarkable hands–on survivability and recoverability support on board ships and submarines. Their combined 43 years of Navy active duty experience has been invaluable in supporting the Fleet and the active Warfighter in saving the lives of sailors and maintenance workers’ during availability periods. Accomplishments including unique support of comprehensive Chemical/Biological Defense Individual Protective Equipment technical support, cost avoidance of \$250K per incident due to damaged gear from poor stowage management, critical support to the Navy’s SUBSAFE and INSURV Programs, and key assistance with implementing the lessons learned from the major fire on board USS MIAMI (SSN-755).

ESQH Production Test Center Team, DCMA Lockheed Martin

Douglas Arnold, Nancy Durepo, Ralph Pucca

As Leaders of the DCMA LM Moorestown Government Quality “Test and Evaluation Team”, these individuals distinguished themselves exhibiting exceptional devotion meeting DCMA, Navy, and Missile Defense Agency Customer Mission expectations. Missile Defense is part of the Presidents initiative to provide Missile Defense capabilities for NATO and for the United States. The nominated individuals have excelled developing strategies assuring the Contractor has met all requirements while meeting aggressive Customer Delivery dates throughout 2013.

Outstanding Scientific Accomplishment – Accomplishment of a highly technical or scientific nature, including research and development, identifying new processes, patents, and breakthrough discoveries or significant growth in scientific understanding. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Marion (Mel) Butler, NSWCCD SSES

Mr. Butler's areas of expertise are the development of finite element models, performing finite element analysis using models to represent components in ship's systems, and validation of the finite element analysis using Array Based Acoustic Measurement experimental testing. Mr. Butler is unique in his ability to do both complex numerical modeling and the experimental testing to validate his models. The outcome of Mr. Butler's analysis and testing provides engineers at NSWCCD-SSES, the engineering community at NAVSEA and support contractors, with the acoustic and structural characteristics of equipment and designs which supports the goal of designing quiet submarines for the Navy.

Groups

Greener Cleanup Standard Team, EPA

Deborah R. Goldblum, Mickey Young, Kristeen Gaffney

The cleanup of contaminated sites consumes energy, water, and natural resources, creating an environmental footprint. Greener cleanups incorporate approaches to minimize the footprint of cleanup activities. Region 3's Greener Cleanup Standard Team is to be commended for making their vision a reality by leading the cleanup community in the development of a voluntary standard to reduce the environmental footprint of cleanups. ASTM International's released the Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups in November 2013. This standard is transforming policy to practice with the promise for more sustainable cleanups nationally and globally.

Permit Innovations in Pennsylvania Mining Project Team, EPA

Francisco Cruz, Bette Conway, Elizabeth Gaige, Douglas Frankenthaler, Evelyn MacKnight,

Collaboration between EPA and PADEP across the TMDL and NPDES programs for mining enabled reduction of a major source of acid mine drainage to the Little Conemaugh River. The permit represents the first case in which PADEP has quantified necessary load reductions for AMD into an active mining permit. EPA's TMDL for the Kiskiminetas-Conemaugh River established the required load reductions.

Outstanding Professional Achievement – Achievement of an exceptional nature within a two-grade interval occupation, e.g., contracting officer, personnel specialist, law enforcement officer, etc. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Sondra Allen, EPA

As a Senior Grants Project Officer (PO), Sandy provides exceptional customer service to States, Remedial Project Managers, Site Assessment Managers, Divisional managers, and POs in other divisions, while managing 71 grants, formerly managed by three (3) POs. Sandy manages all phases of grants for the Mid-Atlantic States and the District of Columbia, and ensures that their work plans identify outputs and outcomes, and are linked to EPA's Strategic Goals. Sandy embodies the quality of excellent customer service that is best described by the phrase, "It's not a job, it's a lifestyle."

Mitsu Asher, GSA

As Andrew Carnegie once said, "*People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity.*" Mitsu Asher has jumped from the GSA intern program to problem solver and results getter. Taking on all challenges and learning new tools, she has utilized data to help drive greater savings for customers, reduce time for internal employees, and avoid costs for the agency. She has also help to strengthen the data used to drive strategic and operational decisions at all levels. Mitsu Asher has made it a point to never settle for mediocrity.

Joseph Ettore , NSWCCD SSES

Joseph Ettore is a tremendous asset to the Navy in his role as the Budget Officer in managing all facets of the Carderock Budget and Financial reporting process. Mr. Ettore is extremely dependable and reliable, with excellent communication and collaborative skills. The technical and financial success of the Carderock Division Budget is a result of Mr. Ettore's efforts in establishing well developed and controlled budget processes, financial reporting, and contingency planning. Combined, Mr. Ettore is responsible for a budget in excess of \$2 billion dollars.

Katherine Finan, NSWCCD SSES

Katherine Finan is a tremendous asset to the Navy in her role as the Capital Investment Property (CIP) Manager in managing all facets of the Carderock Division investment Plant, Property and Equipment (PPE). Ms. Finan is extremely dependable and reliable, with excellent communication and collaborative skills. The technical and financial success of the Carderock Division CIP Management is a result of Ms. Finan’s efforts in establishing well developed and controlled CIP management processes, financial reporting, and contingency planning. Combined, Ms. Finan is responsible for CIP management in excess of \$12 million dollars.

Terry Reynolds, DLA Troop Support

Terry Reynolds’ achievement is unparalleled in the DLA Troop Support Construction and Equipment Customer Operations Directorate. In addition to her outstanding performance in her regular duties, she spearheaded two vital projects concerning Audit Readiness and workforce staffing. Her actions insured that controlled, auditable processes are in place and that the Directorate will have the resources to perform these processes. Ms. Reynolds is highly worthy of this recognition and is to be commended for her excellent and exemplary service to DLA and her country.

Pasqualina Tirro, GSA

GSA Public Buildings Service, Mid-Atlantic Region Engineer Pasqualina Tirro is nominated for Outstanding Professional Achievement for her work on nine non prospectus-level projects in support of the Social Security Administration and other federal agencies. Many of these projects are at the SSA’s national headquarters. Pasqualina works closely with her GSA team, contractors, and architect/engineering firms to provide innovative solutions for her agency customers. She has received high praise from her customers for her work. Pasqualina goes above and beyond to successfully deliver her work.

Richard J. Urban, NRC

Mr. Richard Urban is the Senior Allegation Coordinator for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I. His management and oversight of the Region’s allegations program contributed significantly to the NRC’s ability to immediately respond to potential safety issues regarding the usage and safeguards of nuclear materials and the operation of nuclear power plants. Equally notable is Mr. Urban’s significant contribution as the region’s primary communicator with members of the public regarding their concerns and assertions of potential nuclear safety and security issues.

Groups

Cyber Assessment Team (CAT), NRC

John F. Rogge, John D. Orr, Jigar S. Patel, Jeffrey S. Rady, John E. Richmond, Keith A. Young, David L. Werkheiser

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region I Cyber Assessment Team (CAT), through their comprehensive inspection, assured the protection of all seventeen nuclear power stations in the northeast from potential cyber threats and attacks. The CAT reviewed emergent threat information, protective strategies and equipment, and identified hardware and program upgrades to harden these facilities. A successful cyber-attack could weaken the electric grid through a loss of service, or adversely impact nuclear safety at these facilities. The CAT has made substantial contributions to the NRC’s mission of protecting people and the environment in the safe and secure use of nuclear power

East Consolidated Contracting Group - Division 1, FPS

Margaret Flanagan, Michael DeCrescio, Ashley Gerigitan, Marie Killian, Melissa Weindel, Andrea Chavoso, Nancy Meghri, Brian Connolly, George Shirley, Joann Mull, Lawana Nunnally, Kim Cardinali

The procurement team supporting the Federal Protective Service (FPS) East Consolidated Contracts Group (ECCG) Division 1, encompassing FPS Region 1 (New England Region), Region 2 (Northeast and Caribbean Regions) and Region 4 (Southeast Region) is nominated for Excellence in Outstanding Professional Achievement. Over the past many months, FPS ECCG Division 1 has worked collaboratively as a team to overcome challenges of increased workload as a result of natural disasters, changes in policy, and new initiatives all while being understaffed by 25%.

Federal Protective Service Contracting Team, FPS

Jennifer Seaman, Susannah Weigner-Clark, Gregory Blaszkowski, Patricia R. Campbell, Josh Clemens, Michael DeCrescio, Jennifer Goss

The Federal Protective Service (FPS) was granted authority to hire 39 dedicated Contracting Officer Representatives (COR) to manage the current 102 active FPS contracts which execute its mission of protecting 9,000 federal facilities, federal personnel and visitors. The FPS Acquisitions Division was charged with developing a contracting curriculum. Within three months the nominees developed an 11 course contracting curriculum and delivered training to the initial group of 17 CORs, and this curriculum is now a formal part of COR training. The result of the training effort contributed to a more well-rounded and knowledgeable COR in performance of the FPS mission.

H-60 Tip To Tail Performance Based Logistics Sustainment Team, NAVSUP WSS

George Holiday, Carol Kotowski, Amy Ortiz, Judy Poole, Bill Atkinson, Erin Warren, Harold Levin, Steven Lage, William Quinn, Scott Bray, Barbara Carroll

The H-60 Tip to Tail Performance Based Logistics Team has provided exceptional warfighter focus and process innovation via their precedent-setting \$1.4B contract. The largest contract awarded in the history of the NAVSUP Enterprise ensures the Navy significant improved levels of availability and readiness, providing unprecedented lifecycle support to H-60 aircraft world-wide. Their efforts resulted in approximately \$46M savings and a 4.9% reduction in cost per flight hour. The Team's exemplary efforts are recognized as the benchmark for all future PBL strategies and for providing combat readiness at significant value to Naval Aviation, the Department of Defense, and ultimately the taxpayer.

Hydraulic Fracturing Litigation Team, EPA

James VanOrden, Mark Bolender, Chad Harsh, Rebecca Crane, Todd Lutte, James Kenney, Clarke Thurmon, Tanya Williams

Landmark judicial and administrative cases settled in 2013 that will pioneer industry standards and practices for permitting in the energy extraction field. The team executed administrative penalty actions with Hart/PBT, and administrative order on consent with FRS and a civil consent decree with XTO, all facilities that manage and/or treat unconventional oil and gas wastewater hydrofracking

KC-130J Transition Team, NAVSUP WSS

Bev Thomas, Scott Morrow, Ron Stein, Danielle Hendrie, John Kosempel, Paul Frankenberger, Ron Menzel, Kevin Gallagher, Richard Fitzhenry, Rich Lawlor, Mike Cohen, Rob Crawford, Brian Palko, LCDR Jason Ross, Colleen Courtney, Justin Chung, Ashley Mason

The NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support KC-130J Transition Team quickly and successfully responded to an unplanned work stoppage by the aircraft's support contract, accomplishing their tasks in extremely condensed timeframes. Team members provided selfless support, constructing and establishing unprecedented operating and process reconstitution procedures, moving and assimilating over 1,200 aircraft parts valued in excess of \$100M between two warehouses over 700 miles apart within one day, and establishing contractual repair procedures to ensure the KC-130J remains supported through the full transition to NAVSUP WSS. Their technical prowess and steadfast professionalism will save the taxpayer over \$50M.

Onboarding Manager Team, OCHR Philadelphia

Maureen Goetz, Kristine Hibbs

The Onboarding Manager tool automates the Entry On Duty (EOD) process and allows quick and efficient EOD forms completion and processing. The Onboarding Manager Team spearheaded the transition of this tool providing initial training remotely, via video conferences, to Human Resources (HR) Office personnel as well as local HR personnel on the intricacies of the tool enhancing efforts to provide HR services to five major commands—approximately 182 activities—encompassing more than 39,000 employees. The Onboarding Manager Team is the go to team for this new recruitment tool. They provide quality solutions and demonstrate respect for the roles of their fellow HR professionals in order for these professionals to become more proficient using the tool.

Schedule Pricing Analysis Team, GSA

Mitsu Asher, Jeffery Calhoun, James Concannon, Meghan Whipkey

"A penny saved is a penny earned". Benjamin Franklin understood the value of money, and so does the GSA Integrated Workplace Acquisitions Center's Schedule Pricing Analysis Team. Using sound project management, high-end data analysis, and a commitment customer savings, they found a way to reduce the variability of prices on a Schedule Contract

that saves IWAC 350 man-hours per year, and countless more for federal agencies. The effort helped IWAC reach their target goal of spend under price management and will expand to other Schedules for even greater savings. In the end, a penny saved, is now TWO pennies earned.

SSA Wabash Lease Construction Project Team, GSA

Steve McCombs, Jessica Herring, Jean Neal, Brian Quinn, James May, Nikkia Henderson, Noel Willette, Monica McGrath, Jackie De Simone, Cara Rash, Mike Toth, Teresa Williams, Brenda Harrington, Kyle Assed, Ryan Schartel, Robert Notigan, Lou Talvacchia, Michael Ryer, Dom Innaurato, Ben Zeiders, Nancy Belt, Toby Tobin, Alex Cross

A team of GSA Mid-Atlantic PBS employees spanning a wide range of professions, came together to deliver the new Wabash leased facility in Baltimore, MD, for SSA. Though this project was on time and on budget, the big story behind this project is that the team accomplished these milestones all while SSA was working to consolidate additional locations into the new Wabash facility—providing GSA with fluid requirements. GSA and SSA were able to complete this project while reducing SSA's space needs by 537,000 square feet—nearly half—while managing the overall project schedule and budget.

Supervisory Achievement – Achievement by a first-level supervisor who demonstrably links supervisory leadership to outstanding operational results. Individual nominations only.

Nominees

Neil Bigioni, EPA

Neil's supervision on many fronts, particularly with regard to electronic discovery and electronic data management continue to improve the Region's and the Agency's ability to respond to requests for information, and in turn to provide better public service. He is an invaluable leader for all of the attorneys in the area of electronic data management. He is an exceptional supervisor who is highly deserving of this award.

Ricky Carter, NAVSUP WSS

Mr. Ricky Carter provides exceptional leadership and supervision as the Peculiar Support Equipment and Aviation Life Support Systems (PSE/ALSS) Branch Head. Ricky leads a Branch of Supply Planners responsible for supply chain management and supply support of over 11,000 line items critical to Naval Aviation and Aircrew safety. Ricky meets logistical challenges head-on with great results, and his can-do attitude is apparent in each of his team members. Under Ricky's superior leadership, the PSE/ALSS Branch accomplishes its mission in an effective and efficient manner while ensuring Fleet customers have the personal protection and life-saving equipment necessary for mission success.

Glenn T. Dentel, NRC

Glenn Dentel demonstrates superior leadership within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region I office by leading two branches within the organization this past year. He currently is the Chief of Projects Branch 3 in the Division of Reactor Projects, where he supervises highly qualified team leaders, engineers and scientists in their roles as resident inspectors of commercial nuclear power plants. Mr. Dentel's branch effectively implements the inspection program and resolves safety issues at four nuclear power plants (Salem Units 1 & 2 and Hope Creek in New Jersey and Seabrook in New Hampshire) ensuring public health and safety.

MSTC Sam Landherr, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Chief Landherr has excelled in a challenging assignment as the Chief of the Facilities and Containers Branch at Sector Delaware Bay in Philadelphia, PA. He has superbly managed all aspects of the Facility and Container Inspection Program, ensuring 75 regulated facilities and 500, 000 containers that are imported & exported annually in the region comply with U.S. safety and security regulations. While the Prevention Department's supervisor for enlisted personnel was gapped for the entire year, Chief Landherr filled dual roles and took over the administrative management of all 17 petty officers. His technical expertise and passion for his crew's success has lead to outstanding mission success and has surpassed expectations.

Daniel Lenza, NAVSUP WSS

Mr. Daniel Lenza has displayed outstanding performance and support for both NAVSUP WSS and the organization's various stakeholders for over 11 years. Dan currently manages the Repairable Distribution Division at NAVSUP WSS and has led his team to support multiple efforts such as assisting the Comptroller Department in the reduction of Stock in Transit (SIT), which is a critical Command objective. Due to his leadership, vision, and desire to "leave no stone unturned," his team has

helped identify over \$35M in open SIT, along with uncovering and resolving process issues as well. Dan's enthusiasm and team building skills are exemplary.

Howard Lockstein, USDA FNS

Howard Lockstein is a supervisor extraordinaire! He was able to improve the performance of his employees by building trust, establishing goals and creating an environment of employee empowerment. This past year his team successfully managed \$13 billion in FNS grant funds and achieved record breaking results including identification of \$4.5M in questioned costs during monitoring visits, establishment of a Data Analytics Team to improve agency oversight, hosted a bi-regional conference to provide financial training to grantees, managed organizational changes including multiple vacancies, ensured the agency received a clean financial statements audit and participated in the agency's cultural transformation efforts.

Sally Mack, DCAA

Sally consistently and effectively maintains an organizational environment which facilitates high morale, provides support and resources to overcome barriers, and facilitates successful teaming. Sally also contributes to the technical proficiency and professional development of her team through one-on-one communication, team building and sharing of best practices. She motivates her team and appropriately recognizes them for their contributions through continuous feedback and interaction with her team members. Additional, she demonstrates a high degree of initiative, leadership, and dedication to her work. Her high degree of competence, work ethic, and ability to build highly performing teams is admirable.

Kathleen A. McClellan, IRS

Devoting 30 commendable years to the federal government, Kathleen McClellan typifies the true meaning of both Human Resources leader and civil servant. Her passion for extending superb support is widespread – clients and executives, project team members, and her cherished employees. As a front-line supervisor and champion of many projects, Kathy's primary focus is to make more meaningful and challenging contributions to the betterment of the IRS. Albeit developing future leaders, reducing employee burden, improving morale, or refining work processes to gain greater efficiencies and effectiveness, Kathy remains steadfast in building *and* preserving a strong sense of teamwork and purpose!

Joseph McGillian, NSWCCD SSES

Joseph McGillian is an exemplary supervisor for the Fluid Systems Automation Branch (Code 927). Mr. McGillian strikes the right balance of supervision and leadership that has resulted in a highly successful branch both technically and financially. What sets Mr. McGillian apart from other supervisors is his high level of commitment to his people especially those folks supporting the fleet. Mr. McGillian has developed a high level of trust and rapport with his employees not only through normal course of business but also outside the workplace. Mr. McGillian has been a model supervisory example when it comes to improving workforce diversity.

Regina McVey, OCHR Philadelphia

Ms. McVey was involved with the eOPF transition, serving as OCHR Philadelphia's representative and resident expert, from the very beginning of the process. OCHR Philadelphia's near flawless transition to the eOPF system was a direct result of Ms. McVey's participation on the center's eOPF Working Group team coupled with her diligence when working with personnel of the Records and Recruitment divisions. Ms. McVey worked one-on-one with her staff in the OCHR Philadelphia Records Division as well as staff from the Recruitment Division, training them to scan, index and upload documents to the eOPF database in the most efficient manner possible.

LCDR Michael G. Odom, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

LCDR Michael Odom is nominated for the Supervisory Achievement Award. He selflessly spent countless hours personally mentoring over 50 Coast Guard marine inspectors regarding the complex technical and leadership demands of their vocation. As the Coast Guard's leading Vessel Inspector in Philadelphia, his program is nationally recognized for exceeding expectations for producing fully qualified marine inspectors. This is largely due not only to the training program that he has implemented, but his personal involvement in training and mentoring his subordinates, peers, and supervisors who have gone on to increased roles of responsibility throughout the Coast Guard and maritime industry.

Boatswains Mate First Class Matthew O. Peryea, U. S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Cape May

BM1 Matthew Peryea is nominated for supervisory achievement because of his selfless devotion to duty and astute leadership which has led to superb performance of the challenging Aids to Navigation mission at Aids to Navigation Team Cape May. Highly committed to the professional growth of his subordinates and the excellence of his unit, he dedicates an enormous amount of personal time, energy and talent coordinating the scheduling of missions, overseeing the training program, and ensuring the readiness of the ANT Team as executive petty officer, and a highly qualified member of the team.

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher B. Runt, U. S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Cape May

Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Runt is nominated for outstanding leadership while he served as both the Sector Delaware Bay Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Supervisor and the Commanding Officer of Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Philadelphia. Taking Command on short notice, he led his team through a severe winter and managed updates to infrastructure in the port.

Management Achievement – Achievement by a second-level manager or supervisor who demonstrably links leadership with strategic outcomes. Individual nominations only.

Nominees

Diane Ajl, EPA

Diane Ajl achieved remarkable success during her first year as a second-line manager at EPA Region III. She adapted quickly to her new role, instituting practices and procedures which enabled her and her first-line managers to perform their jobs more effectively and for the organization she manages to maximize its achievements. She demonstrated remarkable leadership in addressing the challenges that confronted her organization during the past year, including a response to an environmental emergency that involved coordination with personnel and management at all levels of EPA and the scrutiny of public officials at the highest levels.

Caroline Bellocchio-Jugo, DCAA

Ms. Bellocchio-Jugo is a proven leader and manager with Government and Private Sector expertise. She unselfishly supported our warfighters through dangerous in-country tours in Bosnia and Iraq. She also completed a tour in Germany supporting our troops in Europe. Currently, as the Manager of the Southern New Jersey Branch, Caroline manages approximately 200 contractors doing over \$1 Billion in business with the government. Caroline exhibits outstanding leadership skills that are critical to the achieve DCAA’s overall goal of ensuring the Department of Defense gets the best value for every dollar spent on defense contracting. She consistently demonstrates that she has an outstanding ability to link her leadership skills with strategic outcomes.

John Breen, GSA

“Start with the end in mind”. Steven Covey writes in his book: The 7 Habit Habits of Highly Effective People. Never do those words ring more true, than in Mr. John Breen’s leadership style. With a mission objective within GSA’s Federal Acquisition Service of “delivering best value in acquisition to government and the American people,” Mr. Breen is being nominated for exemplary management achievement based on his recent outstanding leadership efforts within the Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center (IWAC). Mr. Breen’s unique leadership skill sets in his managerial role can be best illustrated in terms of three GSA strategic priorities: Leading with Innovation; Building a Stronger GSA; Delivering Better Value and Savings.

Captain Kathy Moore, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Captain Moore has consistently distinguished herself as an expert leader throughout her twenty-four years of Coast Guard service. In her role as Commander, Sector Delaware Bay, she serves as Captain of the Port, Search Mission Coordinator, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On Scene Coordinator, and Officer In Charge of Marine Inspection. She guides more than 770 Coast Guardsmen assigned to 22 units fulfilling the 11 Coast Guard missions. Captain Moore has been an expert coalition builder and strategic planner, working tirelessly to build collaboration with industry and interagency partners.

Master Chief Boatswain’s Mate Gregory “Mike” Winans, U. S. Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Cape May

Master Chief Mike Winans is nominated for outstanding management of his unit, Aids to Navigation Team Cape May, New Jersey. His talent for organization and passion for efficient operations has resulted in a highly qualified crew and exceptionally well-maintained area of responsibility. With a confident presence and profound subject matter expertise, he aligns the interest of port partners with those of the Coast Guard to effectively achieve mutual goals.

Improved Federal Image - Achievement or action promoting the mission or objectives of a specific federal organization or the Federal government in general that resulted in a positive perception of federal service. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Jessica Giannone, GSA

GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Business Development Specialist Jessica Giannone managed a multi-discipline, cross-regional effort to develop and administer the GSA Client Enrichment Series, a webinar program offering outreach education to GSA's federal clients. Jessica coordinated with representatives from three GSA Regions and GSA Headquarters, as well as GSA subject matter experts, to identify training topics, develop content, and produce the webinars. The Client Enrichment Series reached 185 federal clients. Because of its resounding success, Jessica has joined a national GSA team that will offer the webinar series nationwide.

David Iacono, EPA

David leads EPA's regional efforts to promote, encourage and support all federal facilities to reduce our environmental footprint. David is EPA Mid-Atlantic's representative for EPA's Federal Green Challenge (FGC) which challenges feds to reduce our environmental impact. For FY12, approximately 30 regional facilities contributed to the national accomplishment of; diverting 360K tons of waste from landfills; saved 52.7 Million kilowatt-hours of electricity; saved 454M CF of natural gas; saved 488K gallons of fuel oil; reduced potable water usage by 133M gallons; reduced fleet distance traveled by 128,280 miles; and sent 1,200 tons of electronics to recyclers, which provided saving of more than \$31M!

Sara Manzano-Díaz, GSA

GSA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Sara Manzano-Díaz is nominated for Improved Federal Image for leading GSA's Mid-Atlantic and Southeast Sunbelt Regions in 2013. Under her guidance, GSA implemented new employee training, strengthened their leasing program, and greatly reduced energy consumption in federal buildings. She instituted regular meet-and-greet sessions with GSA staff, and established the GSA Fellows program, which gives college students opportunities to gain valuable career experience with GSA. Sara shared GSA's important mission at several non-government agency speaking engagements, including Temple University. She was recognized by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, which honored her with a 2013 Minority Business Leader Award.

Joseph Nowak, EPA

For outstanding effort and success in working with communities across the State of West Virginia to cleanup and revitalize contaminated land, protecting public health and the environment while simultaneously promoting economic development, the creation of jobs and other community amenities.

Groups

Mentoring Program Team, GSA

Sara Manzano-Diaz, Joanna Rosato, Libby Baumann, Rick Spencer, Mike Riviello, Coleen Cellini, Sean Garrett, Michael Schiavone, Jason Jacob, Steve Dunn, Shannon Vail, Joseph Horton, Marcella Stokes, Steve DeVito, Thanh Vuong, Paul Christian Alba, Sarah Puleo, Charles Schultis, Dean Rhodes, Eileen Giordano, Donna Andrews

For the past three years, the GSA Public Buildings Service Mid-Atlantic Region has hosted one-day mentoring programs for local high school students. The purpose of this day was to introduce high school students interested in Architecture, Engineering and the Building Sciences to the work environment so that they can see these disciplines in action. This year, students from the Philadelphia G.W. Carver High School for Engineering and the Sciences shadowed employees and had a chance to meet engineers, architects, and the historic preservation specialist, and were able to see how these fields contribute to the success of the workplace.

Reserve Force Readiness Staff, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Commander Scott Hale, Lieutenant Commander Brian Ly, Lieutenant Victoria Taylor, Storekeeper Chief Jim Malone, Yeoman Chief Leon Troy, Yeoman First Class Robert Reigada, Boatswain's Mate Third Class Pedro Lopez

Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Reserve Force Readiness (RFR) Staff worked tirelessly on behalf of Sector Delaware Bay reservists. Their focused determination and dedicated efforts led Sector Delaware Bay to the highest reserve readiness ranking amongst all Coast Guard units nationwide and earned the coveted, Rear Admiral Bennett Sparks Award. Sector Delaware Bay relied heavily on the qualifications and readiness posture of its Reserve force to mobilize in support of its

active duty component. The RFR Staff's aggressive management of readiness metrics and support helped ensure the reserves were ready to immediately mobilize in support of maritime incidents nationwide.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Communications Team, VA Insurance Center

Melodee Mercer, Kristan Hoffman

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Communications team consists of two self-starters who are detail-oriented and cannot be stopped when they see an opportunity to make a difference in Veterans' lives. Their efforts not only exceeded expectations for the number, quality, and value of communications pieces developed, but also created a documented process for future staff to follow. They developed monthly social media messages that explain the SGLI programs and created public service announcements that aired on YouTube and the Pentagon Channel at very little cost to the agency. The most recent YouTube video has over 5000 views.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Philadelphia District Office Project Team, GSA

Michael Trotter, Martha Culbreath, Laurie Ney, Al Torjman, Renee Domurat, Amanda Higgins, Billy Stroumbaras, Tyrone Burton, Frank Jasper, Peggy Murr, Sean Hearn, Carrie Vineberg

The mission of the General Services Administration (GSA) is to deliver the best value in real estate, acquisition, and technology services to government and the American people. The GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Project Team for the new Philadelphia District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lease office worked with USCIS to procure a environmentally friendly Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum facility in the University City neighborhood of West Philadelphia.

Valor – For any act of heroism on or off the job. Nominations are NOT restricted to law enforcement officials. Individual and group nominations accepted.

No nominations.

Outstanding Community Service – Achievement or action which improved, established, or expanded service to the community, on or off the job, e.g., environmental volunteerism, AIDS work, work with the homeless or the illiterate, etc. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Ruth Corcino-Woodruff, OPM

In addition to being a seasoned and valued member of the evaluation staff within the Philadelphia Oversight Office of the Merit System Accountability and Compliance division of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Ms. Ruth Corcino-Woodruff is a true humanitarian and community-minded citizen. Ruth regularly volunteers with numerous charities, including local food banks and Code Blue, and coordinated OPM's local Feds Feed Families campaign, which collected over 150 pounds of non-perishable food for local charities.

Leah DeCosta, GSA

GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Contracting Officer Leah DeCosta has always had a passion for helping people. In her personal time she works on various initiatives with the mission of enriching lives. Through her sorority she has been able to empower her community in Southern New Jersey by mentoring middle school aged girls, advocating for women's rights, volunteering at a local women's shelter as well as a variety of other community service activities. Leah is also a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Urban League where she is able to extend her outreach to the Philadelphia area.

Frank Fritz, EPA

EPA attorney Frank Fritz volunteers as a chess coach at Academy at Palumbo High School, which serves a socio-economically diverse South Philadelphia population. In 2012, he and others founded the new Philadelphia Chess Society, which raised more than \$10,000 to take 40 inner city Philadelphia students to the 2013 Chess Supernationals Championship in Nashville, TN. In addition to weekly coaching sessions, Frank spends hours on the evenings and weekends on scholastic

chess. Under his leadership, Palumbo H.S. team won Philadelphia Scholastic Chess League Championship in 2014 and won multiple awards at the Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess Championships from 2012-14.

Lynn Gillis, GSA

GSA Mid-Atlantic Region Program Analyst Lynn Gillis is nominated for Outstanding Community Service, for her volunteer work with the Fishtown Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, in May 2013, as well as her coordination work in sending over 300 pounds of supplies to U.S. troops in Afghanistan in November 2013.

Meaghan Messner, HUD

How does one account for a 448 percent increase in monthly housing placements for veterans experiencing chronic homelessness from August to November 2013? How about doubling the placement rate for all of the other veterans experiencing homelessness in that same period? There were four veterans housed within a week of receiving HUD-VASH vouchers—cutting the average timeframe for the normal leasing time by 90 percent. How did this happen? These results occurred due to unprecedented collaboration facilitated by Meaghan Messner. The team responsible for this incredible progress under Meaghan’s leadership includes leaders of the VA Medical Center, two City departments, the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and six community organizations serving homeless and Veteran populations. Meaghan then replicated this model in three counties surrounding Philadelphia because she knows that to end homelessness among Veterans in Philadelphia requires collaboration not only within Philadelphia but with the communities surrounding Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Victoria Taylor, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

LT Victoria Taylor is nominated for the Outstanding Community Service Award because of her selfless commitment to her community. She and her sons have a long association with the Boy Scouts of America and she currently serves as the treasurer for her local troop. She also served as a board member for the Women’s International Trade Association. In this capacity, LT Taylor works to educate the community and local schools on the role of women in the maritime industry. Additionally, she volunteers her spare time at The Saint John’s Hospice and Philabundance.

Groups

Moving to Higher Opportunity Summit Steering Committee, HUD

HUD: Sheppard (Van) Williams, Margaret Baldwin, Dennis G. Bellington, Shirley Bryant, Nadab Bynum, Barbara Delaney, Beverly Harvey, Trina Martin, Patricia Moroz, Carol B. Payne, Melody Taylor-Blancher, Jane C. W. Vincent, Lisa Wolfe

Federal Reserve Bank: Theresa Singleton

External Summit Steering Committee Members (alphabetically by organization)

Building One Pennsylvania: Janis Risch

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC): Mary E. Bell

Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania: Angela McIver, Diana Pierre

Montgomery County Community College: Patricia L. Drewicz

Montgomery County Housing Authority: Joel A. Johnson

Montgomery County Housing and Community Development: Kathy Phifer

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development Center for Community Financing: Ed Geiger, Mary J. (MJ) Smith

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA): Bryce Maretzki

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission: JoAnn L. Edwards, Tameka Hatcher

Philadelphia Housing Authority: Kelvin Jeremiah, Annie Cheng

Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC): Philip Tegeler, Megan Haberle

Prayer Chapel Church of God: Rev. Nathaniel Goodson

Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) First Suburbs Project: Angela Clinton

Providing ladders of opportunity for low-income families to reach the middle class is an important goal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). One way to do this is by helping assisted housing residents obtain rental housing outside areas of poverty or minority concentration, by moving them into areas of higher opportunity. To raise awareness of the benefits of housing mobility for low-income individuals and families, HUD convened a Moving to Higher Opportunity Summit Steering Committee to plan and execute a day-long free event that attracted nationally-recognized experts as speakers and nearly 300 attendees from five regions.

Public Housing MORPH Group, HUD

Debbie Gardner, Alice Jones, Gina Beale, William Santiago, Meaghan Messner, John Concannon, Damien Thomas, Jennifer Bert, Martina Washington, Marianne Marinucci, Deanda Wilson

In September 2013, the Philadelphia Field Office staff started working on MORPH, which stands for Making Opportunities for Real Public Housing change. The group revisited HUD's mission to identify opportunities to utilize housing as a platform for improving the quality of life and building inclusive communities while helping residents to realize self-sufficiency and economic independence.

Special Accomplishment – For overcoming a potentially crippling hardship or handicap, including physical handicap, language barrier, learning disability, etc., and fostering greater appreciation of the richness of contributions of special individuals. Individual nominations only.

Nominees

Kenneth Virtue, NSWCCD SSES

Ken Virtue was born with Cerebral Palsy. Ken's outlook on life is nothing short of remarkable. Although he was born with this degenerative condition, he has not allowed it to limit his accomplishments. Ken attained the level of Eagle Scout in his youth. Ken attended Rutgers- Camden University and upon graduation received three bachelor degrees (marketing, finance and accounting). He graduated with a 3.5 out of 4.0 GPA. Ken also completed an international study abroad program focusing on international business in South Africa. In the short time that Ken has been employed at NSWCCD-SSES, he has created many business relationships.

Service Excellence - Recognizes high quality service that exceeded expectations and added value to internal or external customer interactions. Individual and group nominations accepted.

Individuals

Thomas Bilinski, NSWCCD SSES

Tom Bilinski is a Senior Engineer for the Facilities and Model Fabrication Division, Code 36, at the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Philadelphia site. Over the past several years, Tom has successfully managed numerous high profile facilities projects in direct support of the next generation of ships and submarines. These projects totaling over \$100M are critical to the future of the Carderock Division and the Navy as a whole. Tom's technical knowledge combined with his excellent project management skills has earned a remarkable reputation as a proactive manager that continuously performs above the call of duty.

Jeffrey Dodd, EPA

Jeff supports a number of diverse organizations. He is extremely adept at keeping them more than satisfied even when there are conflicting priorities. He is excellent at satisfying the needs of customers, both internal and external and goes out of his way to ensure they are provided with the tools and services they need to get their job done. He is keenly aware of the organizationally diverse workforce, including Regional and Headquarters' staff and management. He has a great ability to recruit and bring together the various groups to gain consensus, work out details and issues and keep everyone informed.

Joey Gauthier, NAVSUP WSS

Joey Gauthier, an F/A-18 aircraft Supply Planner, provides outstanding support and sustainability for the F/A-18 radar system. Some of his many accomplishments include the institution of a Radar Drumbeat conference attended by all F/A-18 radar stakeholders, the 46% reduction of backorders of the APG-73 radar system, and the saving of \$1.8M through a Logistics Engineering Change Proposal effort to modify a U.S. Air Force sub-assembly radar system unit at a fraction of the cost it would take to replace them with new units. Joey is the ultimate F/A-18 radar Subject Matter Expert regarding acquisition, repair, and alternative sourcing.

Nickeyia Jones, VA Insurance Center

If you are a Project Team Leader assigned a task that is challenging, time-sensitive and requires creative solutions to thorny problems, Nickeyia Jones is someone you would recruit as a team member. Her skills in website design, graphics and Excel and her ability to work collaboratively are always in demand. Her portfolio of successful projects ranges from helping

develop the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) On-line Enrolment System (SOES), The Insurance Center Intranet, and the VA Regional Office and Insurance Centers SharePoint site. She also has developed a variety of Excel based performance tracking systems for use by Senior Leaders.

Mark Marziale, NRC

Mr. Marziale, Information Technology Specialist with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, provides high quality service that has resulted in significant added value to the information resources activities he performs supporting Region I. Mr. Marziale delivers outstanding service relative to a wide array of IT, telecommunication, and audio visual (AV) projects. He exceeds expectations and is proactive in determining the needs of his customers. When encountering new technologies, he takes the initiative to learn all he can and shares the information with others.

Emilio Mercado, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Emilio Mercado has been on staff since 2010. His enthusiastic, insatiable appetite to participate and contribute have greatly contributed to the Coast Guard preparation for contingency responses both here and abroad. He has been a key contributor to the international PANAMAX exercise design team. In this role, he has traveled to Panama to assist the Panamanian Defense Force develop policies and procedures for boarding vessels during transit through the Panama Canal. His training efforts were most notably evident during the Panamanian seizure of the North Korean vessel that was found to be carrying an illegal shipment of weapons for Cuba.

John Mulkeen, DCAA

John excels as first line supervisor of a DOD proposal audit team. John supervises the audits of billion-dollar proposals involving sensitive and urgent procurements for military buying commands. In October 2013, Naval Air Systems Command recognized John for achieving substantial cost reductions related to the \$8 billion negotiation of F-35 aircraft. In May 2013, the Air Force noted John's 'herculean effort' involving a billion dollar proposal. John routinely and effectively deals with government contracting officers and contractor personnel in delivering useful, quality, reports, on time. John's outstanding performance ensures the government negotiates contracts at fair and reasonable prices saving the U.S. taxpayer millions of dollars to potentially buy our warfighters additional equipment.

Susan Nufrio, NSWCCD SSES

Sue Nufrio was vital during the December 2012 audit of all Delphinus Engineering Incorporated (DEI) welding and brazing procedures. This unplanned and emergent audit received Navy Flag-level attention and required NSWCCD-SSES to review all previous and ongoing installations that were awarded to DEI. Despite being out of the office during the weeks leading up to the holiday period on personal leave, Ms. Nufrio's subject matter expertise was critically needed to support the intense review of DEI's welding/brazing procedures and provided them the necessary corrections that were required for final approval. She accomplished this review via internet connectivity and participated in numerous phone calls despite being on leave.

Christina Rutledge, IRS

Christina Rutledge is the American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter at the IRS Philadelphia Campus. Chris has made a tremendous impact to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) employees and their managers since her arrival on campus. Chris met with each DHOH employee to familiarize herself with the responsibilities of their positions to improve her ability to meet their interpreting needs. She also met with DHOH employees as a group for their feedback and suggestions on how to improve communications within the campus. Chris partnered with DHOH employees to successfully develop and instruct ASL workshops for interested campus employees.

Rose Scimeca, OCHR Philadelphia

Amidst furloughs, hiring freezes and government shutdowns, 2013 brought with it a complete reorganization of the OCHR community. The reorganization, known as the Service Delivery Model, promised to completely change the way the organization conducts business. Because of Ms. Scimeca's incredible organizational and leadership skills, OCHR Philadelphia's transition into the Service Delivery Model was executed in a near flawless manner. Ms. Scimeca was chosen to be OCHR Philadelphia's project manager for Service Delivery and she worked directly with the center's leadership throughout the entire transition process in order to ensure a seamless execution of this monumental reorganization initiative.

William C. Smith, EPA

A seasoned EPA attorney, Bill Smith performs a host of critical duties that are essential to not only the Office of Regional Counsel, but also to all of the EPA, Region III. He goes above and beyond as he undertakes ethics advising/counseling; communications/press office duties; teaching; Clean Water Act counseling, employment law; and "other duties as assigned"

and performs all of these duties extremely well with a great sense of humor, balanced with the utmost professionalism. His enthusiasm is infectious and he performs all that he does with excellence.

Dawn Maria Stone, IRS

Charming, Sophisticated Leadership, Positivity Guru and good person are what I, as her nominator, would use to describe Ms. Stone. She gives 100% every day and is another diamond of the federal service. She has accomplished operational process and resource changes that have allowed annual budgetary savings and has made the environment one of patience and skill development. She's focused, readily available to all and a genuine individual. She works hard and does what it takes to lead by example and to be an outstanding role-model of what a federal government employee should be.

Carla Tessaro, GSA

As Resource Management Specialist with GSA, Ms Tessaro consistently demonstrates high quality service and adds value to internal and external customer interactions. She developed and implemented programs and coordinated with all levels of GSA management to significantly contribute to the financial success of GSA Fleet Europe. Her financial forecasting is always an accurate depiction of year-end performance due to her in-depth knowledge of the Fleet program and meticulous monitoring of income and expenses. She has provided invaluable assistance to customers and managers in resolving interagency finance issues. She is a consummate professional and a valued member of the GSA team.

Donna Welcher, GSA

GSA's Donna Welcher received rare letters of commendation from *three* officials with Defense Security Service. One wrote: "I've spent 33+ years in federal service...and this was the easiest project I've ever worked because of Donna's leadership and efforts behind the scenes." Another stated he was "impressed with her "CAN DO" attitude." A third commended Donna for "all tasks expertly accomplished!" Donna received this high praise for completing a 10,000 SF expansion project in Hanover, MD on time and within budget. This was a high visibility project and Donna's hard work allowed the agency to move critical assets without operational delay.

Groups

Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program (NSPDP) Training Team, NRC

Raymond J. Powell, Carey A. Bickett, Anne E. DeFrancisco, Cheryl B. Khan, Nicole S. Warnek

The Nuclear Safety Professional Development Program (NSPDP) Training Team is nominated for their consistent and dedicated excellence in the training, counseling, mentoring, and support for qualification of new Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NSPDP participants are generally recent college graduates and are expected to train rapidly on complex nuclear power plant systems and processes. The NSPDP Training Team implements a systematic training program that includes individual coaching and observation, identifying and supporting rotations to operating nuclear power plants, practice qualification boards, and other techniques to reinforce learning. The result of their efforts yields qualified inspectors to carry out the NRC's mission.

Personal Property Management – Virtual Screenings, GSA

Kevin Murphy, Rebecca Kauffman, Robert Kitsock, Matthew Grace, Ryan Oliver, Joseph Hvorecky, Susan Labman, Brian Burkholder

GSA created a way to cut time, introduce savings, and expand involvement of federal agencies interested in obtaining excess personal property. Instead of agencies travelling to attend on-site screening events, GSA introduced a pilot of live "virtual screening" events in which agencies request items on-line. This new approach allows agencies to see/request property without incurring travel costs or spending time commuting to a physical screening. As a result, GSA removed "borders" and "budget constraints," as agencies across the country can participate via computer. In less than 2 hours time, GSA allocated over \$83k of property.

Support Equipment Distribution Center Divestiture Team, NAVSUP WSS

Steve Toroni, Adetoun Oyebade, Tom Maertzig, Joseph Panetta, Bob Day, Rolanda Stone, Kimberly Brockington, Michael Sangi

This team played an integral role in redistributing or disposing more than 48,000 items worth \$51M in less than three months prior to the Support Equipment Distribution Center closure in El Centro, CA in June 2013. Without the use of IT systems, the

team had to manually process requisitions, Transaction Item Reports, data sets, inventory lists and condition code changes. They also continued to fill open sales orders during the asset relocation. The team ensured all items reached their destination successfully with three days to spare before the facility's closure. Their exemplary efforts will save \$2.8M annually in operating costs.

USCIS Baltimore Project Team, GSA

Debbie Phillips, Joe Stephenson, John McFadden, Mark Kelly, Jean Forcinito, Ray Porter, Laura Taddei, Ellen Beears, Luann Caruso, Greg Retzler, Samantha Poole, Mike Ryer, Eric Helm, Michelle Kelly

The GSA Mid-Atlantic Region U.S. Citizens Immigration Service (USCIS) Baltimore Project Team was tasked with finding suitable lease space in Baltimore, MD that met USCIS's mission critical needs, and accommodated the thousands of immigrants and new citizens that visit their office annually. This cross-organizational team of subject matter experts was vital in completing challenging negotiations. Their work culminated in a new, 45,867 square foot lease for USCIS that is slated to be LEED Certified for Commercial Interiors, as well as ENERGY STAR® rated.

Violent Crimes Task Force, ATF

John Bowman, Sarah O'Reilly, Charles Doerrer, Charlene Horay, Patrick Henning, Patrick Edwards, Gerard Gallagher, Linda Hoban, Alison Price-McGinnis, Salvatore Astolfi, Katayoun Copeland, Walter Livingston, Brian Monaghan, Dave Plummer

The dedicated men and women named herein joined together to combat an incredibly violent, well-entrenched and resilient criminal gang that literally held an entire community hostage for almost a decade. Through their resolve, unparalleled work ethic and creative thinking, the members of the Violent Crimes Task Force and their partner Assistant United States Attorneys freed hundreds of residents from the grip of intimidation, beatings, shootings and other crimes of violence. Their accomplishment, and the impact of their efforts, went far beyond mere numbers - it restored order, brought back a sense of community and permitted whole neighborhoods to no longer hide in fear

Outstanding Mentor/Coach – An individual who teaches, mentors, and coaches others, and provides expert counsel as they prepare others for challenges of ever increasing magnitude. Individual nominations only.

Nominees

Linda K. Beck, IRS

Linda is an Outstanding Mentor/Coach. She has taught many people including myself to believe in yourself, get the training you need and never give up. Linda has encouraged employees to apply for the Mentoring Program, Frontline Readiness Program and the Senior Management Readiness Program. Linda always looks for ways to make the work process easier. Her motto is work smarter not harder. Linda is knowledgeable and admired because she participates in her Operation, she goes out on the floor, oversees what the employees do, attends team meetings to get to know her employees and their concerns and addresses them accordingly.

Roseann Deal, EPA

Roseann Deal is a charter graduate of the Philadelphia FEB/University of Pennsylvania Coaching Certificate program, receiving her certificate in 2007. As Regional Training Officer, Ro has been highly effective in leading employee development efforts, particularly in the area of coaching and mentoring. In addition to a significant personal coaching practice for Regional employees and the piloting of a coaching program last year for the Region's administrative professionals which has since been expanded region-wide, in 2013 Ro on her volition established a peer coaching/mentoring program for new supervisors.

Diana Esher, EPA

Diana Esher is EPA Region III's most well known, loved and respected mentor and coach, guiding countless employees in EPA Region III over the course of her long career. She mentors individuals and groups at all stages of their career and never shies away from an opportunity to encourage and inform staff, managers and coworkers to do their best. Ms Esher has championed newly forming scientific and career development groups, provided leadership training through the Region's Emerging Leaders Program, participates in EEO Special Emphasis Program initiatives and group projects and mentors over a dozen individuals at any given time.

William Hollandsworth, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Master Chief Boatswain's Mate William Hollandsworth demonstrated outstanding mentorship guiding his crew aboard USCGC MAKO and more than 20 others from the Coast Guard community. His leadership and coaching contributed to the professional growth of not only his subordinates, but peers and supervisors alike. Master Chief Hollandsworth was instrumental in the execution of the Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay's Officer in Charge College to prepare future Senior Petty Officers to assume Command. Whether he is leading his crew on MAKO or providing training and guidance to shipmates Master Chief Hollandsworth exemplifies what it means to be a leader and mentor.

Penny A. Lanzisera, NRC

Ms. Lanzisera has provided consistent and exceptional support to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by providing expert training and mentoring to staff at all levels on the safety and security of nuclear materials used in medicine. As a member of the NRC's Medical Program Working Group, she shared her experience with NRC and Agreement State inspectors and license reviewers nationwide by developing numerous medical inspection and medical licensing guidance documents. These documents continue to be used by new and experienced license reviewers and inspectors to ensure consistency in the medical regulation of nuclear materials for the benefit of the American people.

Margaret Long, NSWCCD

Margaret (Peg) Long is an individual who teaches, mentors, and coaches others, and provides expert counsel as she prepares employees for challenges of ever-increasing magnitude. Peg is a seasoned Labor and Employee Relations (LER) Specialist, whose years of knowledge and expertise in the LER field have benefited new employees. She has dedicated much of her career to teaching, training and mentoring new employees who have entered the workforce with little to no experience.

Machinery Technician Senior Chief Brian Miley, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Machinery Technician Senior Chief Brian Miley consistently distinguished himself throughout his seventeen years of service to the Coast Guard. During his career in the Coast Guard Reserve, he served on active duty following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, and again in 2003 for Operation Liberty Shield. His guidance to the junior members at Coast Guard Station Philadelphia was invaluable and greatly impacted the operational readiness unit and brought national praise to Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay as a leading example of full reserve forces integration.

Robert M. Shepherd, NAVSUP WSS

Robert is a team lead in Material Accounting at NAVSUP WSS Philadelphia. Robert routinely demonstrates dedication to his team and their mission of maintaining accuracy and compliancy within the NAVSUP WSS accounting system, creating an atmosphere of teamwork and positivity among his co-workers. He consistently demonstrates patience, understanding and effectiveness in training new and current employees on the ever-changing requirements involved in maintaining the integrity of NAVSUP WSS databases. Additionally, he is always looking for methods to improve current processes, and his work allows his team to execute their work efficiently and confidently.

Marcia J. Smith, IRS

As a Program Manager and Co-Chair of the Advisory Insolvency Career Developmental Program, Marcia is excellent at mentoring others. She has been proactive in our leadership succession planning. She implemented a mentoring program in her territory and in addition co-chairs the Advisory & Insolvency Leadership Program for our Manager Readiness Programs. Her involvement in the formalization of such developmental programs has resulted in a strong managerial pool to be utilized in succession planning. She is committed to developing not only her skills but the skills of those around her. Marcia understands the value of mentoring and creating great leaders.

Margaret (Meg) Sutliff, GSA

Meg Sutliff epitomizes the definition of outstanding mentor and coach. With over 30 years of government experience she builds relationships through trust and respect. She pushes those around her to be the best they can be and devotes countless hours in the development of others. Meg believes in the mission of the General Services Administration and mentors those around her to strive towards creative and innovative thinking. She coaches her fellow co-workers to find ways to improve and create efficient processes. Meg makes every day a better day for those around her by being the person to turn to with an open mind and open heart.

Nathaniel Yesner, DCAA

Mr. Nathaniel (Nate) Yesner is the consummate mentor and coach. As a mentor, Nate willingly shares lessons learned, best practices from his work experience, and expertise he gained as an audit supervisor with the Agency's junior audit staff to foster their professional growth and career development. As a coach, Nate assists in the development of his co-workers by sharing known resources, experiences as a supervisor, and expertise. He also strives to foster the Agency values of team work and continuous improvement through his personal example. Nate is a true team player and strives to help all DCAA employees enhance their knowledge and skills, as well as their prospects for career advancement.

Steadfast Achievement - Demonstrated commitment to the highest standards for over 20 years of federal service. This person's efforts should reflect a consistent and distinguished record of noteworthy accomplishments that are innovative, high impact, and result in improved efficiencies, economies and effectiveness of government programs. Individual nominations only.

Nominees**Wanda Brewer, NRC**

Ms. Wanda Brewer, of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region I, serves as Funds Certifying Official and a system administrator for budget and travel programs in support of executing the region's operating budget. Throughout her Twenty-three years with the NRC, she has evolved as the expert in all things relative to funds control and travel management and as one who goes out of her way to assist others. Ms. Brewer continually performs her duties in an outstanding manner that fully demonstrates her steadfast success in contributing to the region's mission of ensuring public safety.

Barbara Carroll, NAVSUP WSS

Having worked for the Navy for over 30 years, Ms. Carroll is known to the Fleet and to the employees at NAVSUP WSS as the guru of Performance Based Logistics (PBL) pricing. Barbara develops base prices for 6,800 items valued at \$1.3B. She has reconciled PBL sales and recovered any losses or returned any gains to the Navy Fleet in the next open pricing year. Since the obligation authority for NAVSUP WSS is determined by sales achieved, her position is very important to the Navy as well as to the support of the Fleet in the defense of our nation.

Daniel "Danny" Chominski, NSWCCD SSES

Throughout his nearly 40-year U.S. federal government career in Human Resources, Mr. Daniel Chominski has epitomized steadfast achievement, most recently at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCCD). He has consistently been at the forefront of efforts to improve the Navy's ability to enable and enhance workforce management and initiatives by providing proactive, cost effective and efficient HR advisory services and technical support. Among his numerous HR accomplishments are establishing recruitment and hiring policies, implementing new performance systems, and ensuring personnel are supported through challenging times such as Furloughs and Base Realignment and Closure decisions.

Ray Freed, DCAA

Ray has been with DCAA for over 30 years where he has been a valuable asset to the agency. He was instrumental in insuring the success of various FAO initiatives and providing training to the audit staff. He developed and streamlined a process to review the office's backlog of incurred cost audits and trained the staff in the new process. Ray also plays an integral role in training the audit staff. He routinely provides training at staff conferences and issues quality alerts to keep audit staff apprised of new audit guidance, identifying/sharing of best practices and improving the overall quality of audits. Ray demonstrates a high degree of initiative, leadership, and dedication to his work. His high degree of competence, work ethic, and team dynamics are admirable. He is a role model and a valuable asset to the agency.

Andrew S. Goldman, EPA

Andrew S. Goldman has a distinguished record of extraordinary service to EPA for over two decades by providing expert on-call Fourth Amendment legal counsel to front-line field staff investigating and responding to chemical hazard situations on private properties. His training courses, regionally and nationally, and individual counseling in these cutting-edge situations have had a high impact, and have contributed significantly to the effective, efficient and lawful implementation of the chemical cleanup program.

Linda Marzulli, EPA

Linda Marzulli has served EPA's emergency response program for 28 years. For the last 20 years she has been EPA's regional response center (RRC) coordinator. As RRC coordinator, Linda has been the liaison and support coordinator for EPA's corps of emergency responders, contractors, and other field support personnel. Linda managed the communications between the EPA's emergency program and EPA's local, state and Federal response partners. Over the years, Linda managed support and communications for hundreds of environmental cleanups and responses, thousands of assessments and inspections, and tens of thousands of calls to EPA's 24-hour oil and hazardous materials spills hotline. Linda retired in January 2014.

Marc Mitchelson, GSA

GSA PBS Mid-Atlantic Region Project Architect Marc Mitchelson is nominated for Steadfast Achievement, for his commitment to GSA in a career that spans more than 20 years of federal service. Marc handles a large number of vital GSA projects for the GSA PBS Mid-Atlantic Region's Design and Construction Division. He consistently performs at an exceptionally high level in all aspects of contract administration and management. Marc is often sought out for his knowledge and opinion. In addition to his strong technical knowledge, Marc brings a great attitude and leadership to the organization and is truly and an asset to GSA.

Richard Steck, NSWCCD SSES

Mr. Stecks' interdisciplinary experience and expertise has allowed him to individually resolve multiple complex problems that would have normally required the combined efforts of several engineers saving both time and money in a time of shrinking defense budgets. This technical diversity is coupled with a detailed understanding of program management, financial understanding and contractual expertise that make him an invaluable asset to Navy and DoD mission execution. His technical diversity is coupled with a detailed understanding of program management; financial understanding and contractual expertise that make him an invaluable asset to effectively assure Navy ships can meet their mission requirements.

Robert Ward, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay

Robert "Bob" Ward has consistently distinguished himself throughout his cumulative thirty-one years of active duty and civilian service to the U. S. Coast Guard. He originally enlisted in 1983 and served as a Boatswain's Mate from Cape May, New Jersey to Honolulu, Hawaii and Key West, Florida to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he was one of the first newly created Coast Guard civilian Port Security Specialists responsible for ensuring port security through drafting, implementing, and exercising regional all-hazards response plans for a tri-state area of responsibility that includes the ports of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware.

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Participating Agencies

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ATF: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
CIS: Citizenship and Immigration Services
DCAA: Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCMA Lockheed Martin
DCMA Philadelphia: Defense Contract Management Agency
DLA Troop Support: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
FPS: Federal Protective Service
GSA: General Services Administration
HUD: Housing and Urban Development
IRS: Internal Revenue Service
MSPB: Merit Systems Protection Board
NAVSUP WSS: US NAVSUP Weapons System Support
NPS: National Park Service
NRC: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NSWCCD SSES: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, Ship Systems Engineering Station
OCHR Philadelphia: US Navy, Office of Civilian Human Resources, Philadelphia Operations Center
OPM: Office of Personnel Management
SBA: Small Business Administration
USCG: US Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay
USDA ARS: US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service
USDA FNS: US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service
VAIC: Veterans Affairs Insurance Center