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Corps' employees win big at Army's Contracting award ceremony

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- Several contracting professionals at the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville received awards during the 2013 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting ceremony Jan. 28.

The Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting, established in July 1997, recognize and honor contracting and acquisition professionals. These awards are presented annually to recognize contracting officers, contracting units and teams, and special awards for excellence in executing the contracting mission in support of our Soldiers and our nation.

Tonju Butler, chief, Preaward Branch and contracting officer in the Huntsville Center Contracting Directorate, competed against eight other contracting officers from around the nation to win the Outstanding Contracting Officer: Specialized Services & Construction Contracting award. Butler distinguished herself as an adept business adviser, able to balance her vast knowledge of the regulatory environment while maintaining a firm grasp on the functional nuances of contracting. Her contributions to the Project Delivery Team consistently garnered high praise for her ability to execute the strategic mission of the Army and the Huntsville Center while delivering the right tactical contracting vehicles and actions.

The Center's Ordnance and Explosives International Contracting Team also emerged as winners in the Outstanding Unit/Team Award: Contingency Contracting award category. The Ordnance and Explosives International Contracting Team received the award for their exemplary performance in providing consistent delivery, superior professionalism and commitment to excellence, which directly impacted the war fighter and served as a force multiplier throughout the theater of operations.

John Mayes, chief of Contracting at Huntsville Center, congratulated his employees on their win saying the award was good for the National Contracting Organization and Huntsville Center.

Omaha District, Corps of Engineers, took home the win in the Outstanding Unit/Team Award: Specialized Services & Construction Contracting category for their exemplary performance in recovering from the worst flood ever recorded on the Missouri River. The team created new acquisition tools when necessary to ensure timely repairs were made to the flood reduction system that protects one quarter of the U.S. Huntsville Center's Contracting Directorate also was nominated in this category.

The Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting awards distinguish contracting organizations and individuals that excel in timeliness, customer support quality and contracting innovation that lead to process improvements and specific achievements in supporting the contracting mission worldwide. All military and civilian Army contracting professionals are eligible for these awards.