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Corps of Engineers honors top employees

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville honored its top employees in seven categories and its top team for 2003 during an awards ceremony today.

Individual awards ranged from Commander's Leadership Award to Innovator of the Year Award.

Traditionally one or more retired Corps of Engineers employees are selected for induction into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Richard "Dud" Phillips was ushered into the gallery for 2003.

Phillips, a 1956 graduate of Clemson University, S.C., worked at the Huntsville Center from 1968 to 1989. Before moving to Huntsville, Phillips worked at the Corps of Engineers' Charleston, Europe and Cape Canaveral districts from 1956 to 1968.

"During his service to the Army Corps of Engineers, Phillips laid a strong foundation for the Center in procurement, innovation and management that is the root of today's successful contracting operations," said Dan Coberly, a Huntsville Center spokesman.

In 1988 Phillips received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest award given by the Secretary of Defense to career civil service employees.

In addition to the top employees of the year, 23 employees were recognized for 30 or 35 years of service with the federal government and James A. Quinn, a civil engineer, was honored for 50 years of service to the nation.

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The seven individuals and team of the year are:

Administrative Support Employee of the Year

Lisa Burger

Commander's Leadership Award

Sally B. Parsons

Contracting Professional of the Year

Suzanne Wear

Employee of the Year Award

Crystal Bennett-Echols

Engineer of the Year Award

Thomas Corcoran

Innovator of the Year Award

John A. Brown, Jr.

Volunteer of the Year Award

April Rafael-Adams

Teamwork Award

Process Improvement Group

Members include: Wes Turner, Kathy Simmons, Sam Bolin, Anna Skonieczny, Gary Runyans, Bob Britton, Rick Suever, Bill Johnson, MaryLou Chapman, Teresa Peterson-Evans, Mike Stahl, John Sikes, Steve Pinke, Jim Berryman, Ed Snow, Ed Tohill