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## **Huntsville Center engineer named Young Engineer of the Year**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.**-- A mechanical engineer with the U.S. Army and Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville took the Society of Military Engineers 2011 National Engineers Week Young Engineer of the Year award.

Levi Gabre with Huntsville Center's Directorate of Engineering is the principal reviewer of Quality Control Plans for major programs in the Installation Support and Program Management Directorate. Gabre also provides full-scale program/project manager and support for all projects under Defense Energy Support Center Environmental and Recurring Maintenance/Minor Repair programs.

Gabre provides training and support to project delivery teams with members from Engineering, Contracting and Resource Management to effectively execute the DESC program. In addition, he led two acquisition teams in FY09 and FY10 that awarded \$35 million and \$3.5 million contracts in support of DESC programs. Gabre also performed as acting chief of the Operations Branch, Systems Engineering Division, when requested.

"His hard work to bring contracts into action have immediate and lasting effects on the overall quality of Army Refueling infrastructure, as well as a direct impact in saving man-hours dedicated to processing maintenance and repair requests," said Jim Tyrrell, DESC headquarters proponent.

In FY10, Gabre personally developed and executed a new DESC Recurring Maintenance and Minor/Emergency Program. The program provides maintenance and repair services for DESC capitalized fuel facilities, systems and components in compliance with various codes, standards and regulations. The program is highly effective with significant cost savings realized. Currently, the program is being executed at more than 55 Army and Navy installations.

His community service related to the engineering profession includes volunteering to serve as a quality assurance inspector as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' role in support of Hurricane Wilma in 2006. He received the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal for his efforts there. He also served as committee member for the annual Huntsville Center Engineering Day event. He has been a SAME member since 2004 and is a Certified Engineer Intern and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Gabre is a Huntsville, Ala., native and graduated from Buckhorn High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and his master's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

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