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## Contracting intern takes award

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala**—Third-year contracting intern with Huntsville Center recently received a 2010 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Excellence in Contracting award. Jordan Miller took the Rock the Castle category of the awards program.

The USACE Excellence in Contracting Awards Program publicly recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of the USACE contracting work force.

Corps contracting officials from across the country are nominated each fall for one ECAP's eight awards.

Miller said he doesn't feel too comfortable accepting an individual award because he thinks the award is reflective of the whole Huntsville Center contracting team.

"I am just so thankful to be a part of USACE and so grateful that I have a wonderful Huntsville Center family. This is a great contracting team here at the Huntsville Center.

According to Miller, a native of Ardmore, Ala., and a graduate of Athens State University, he didn't choose a career in contracting, his contracting career chose him.

He began working at Huntsville Center as a Student Temporary Employment Program hire working in the file room more than five years ago. From there he began working as a contract specialist and quickly gained inside perspectives from the policy side of the business.

"This field is full of excitement because it seems to change every day – no two days are the same. I also like the idea of constantly challenging myself and being a part of a mission that is so much bigger than yourself," he said.

According to John Mayes, Huntsville Center chief of Center Contracting, the Contracting Office submitted ten strong packages for multiple 2010 Excellence in Contracting awards.

"We are extremely proud of the quality of work done by these individuals. With all the accomplishments our folks perform on a daily basis, the packages practically wrote themselves, and we are very pleased we had nominees in almost all categories," Mayes said.

Mayes said he is especially proud Miller received one of the awards.

"Jordan truly exemplifies the type of employees we have in the contracting office. He is a high-impact asset for Huntsville Center and the entire National Contracting Organization at the business enterprise level," Mayes said.