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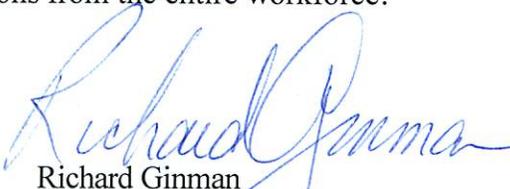
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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SUBJECT: 2013 Sharon R. Parish "People Always" Leadership Award

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Elliott B. Branch is the recipient of the 2013 Sharon R. Parish "People Always" Leadership Award. Established in 2011, this award honors Sharon Parish by recognizing an individual who embodies leadership and mentorship in executing the defense mission. Mr. Branch was selected from a list of highly qualified nominees as the person that best exemplifies the contracting wisdom and values that made Sharon Parish such an inspirational leader. Mr. Branch's commitment to the professional development and mentorship of the workforce, effective collaboration, and creative leadership make him one of the most influential and essential leaders within the Department of Defense acquisition and contracting community.

I also want to express my appreciation to the organizations who submitted nominations for this prestigious award. All the nominees are outstanding leaders, highly regarded change agents, and respected mentors within the contracting community. They were noted for making a tremendous difference during the challenging times of the past year and most importantly, embodying the value and underlying tenets of this award.

Elliott Branch, a heartfelt congratulations from the entire workforce!

  
Richard Ginman  
Director, Defense Procurement  
and Acquisition Policy