

The Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award

1. ELIGIBILITY: Military members or Government civilian employees within the DoD acquisition/contracting community at any grade level who have demonstrated the traits as detailed below throughout their acquisition career.

2. BACKGROUND: Contracting Legends inspire us to be our best every day, in every situation. To honor them, we created a gallery of those Legends who have left us, as well as award those who inspire us to walk in their footsteps.

It began with the Sharon R. Parish “People Always” Leadership Award, and after three award cycles, DoD lost Mr. Barney Klehman. Rather than create a separate award to honor Barney, the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), in consultation with the Senior Procurement Executives (SPEs), decided to create the annual Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award.

3. AWARD: The Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award recognizes leaders at all levels in the DoD acquisition/contracting community that have developed, motivated and inspired others through formal and informal initiatives. The nominee who is selected for this honor will be recognized at a winter Senior Leader Meeting.

The six categories below summarize the traits exemplified by Acquisition and Contracting Legends. Nominations will identify how the individual excelled in these areas and should explain the nominee’s accomplishments.

a. Mentorship and Dedication to Helping Others

The nominee provides mentorship and coaching, and seeks opportunities to help others grow and improve in their careers.

b. Selfless Service

The nominee places the mission and consideration for others before their own wants and performs services/duties without expecting reward.

c. Creative Thinking

The nominee is creative in their thinking and approach to problem solving. Their efforts support the growth of the profession through the introduction of innovative ideas.

d. Collaboration

The nominee builds teams with a spirit of community and cohesion; involves others in developing plans and goals; and recognizes contributions and gives others visibility and credit. The nominee develops extensive networks across organizations and routinely uses these networks for the benefit of the workforce.

e. Contracting Expertise

The nominee demonstrates expertise in navigating the complexities of contracting.

f. Leadership Qualities

The nominee demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities through his or her willingness to lead on tough issues. He or she excels in leadership roles on multi-disciplined teams.

4. INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. The Director, DPAP will solicit nominees from the addressees for this award annually.
- b. Each addressee may nominate one individual annually. Nominations will be no longer than two pages in length and must address the six categories above. Forward nomination packages with a cover memo to osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.dpap@mail.mil no later than August 1, 2015.
- c. The Director, DPAP will select the award winner or multiple winners, and will also make selections to be added to the Acquisition and Contracting Legends Gallery.
- d. The winner of the Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award will receive a certificate and award with brass nameplate.

5. LEGENDS GALLERY

- a. At any time, each addressee may also nominate a deceased individual to be added to the Acquisition and Contracting Legends Gallery via a memorandum to the Director, DPAP (osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.dpap@mail.mil). The nomination should include a 35-word biography to be included in the Gallery. If selected to the gallery, that deceased individual will have a 35 word write-up as an attachment to the annual call for nominations of the legends award, and on the DPAP website.