



# IUID

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## **IUID Team Excellence Award**

**Mr. Jeff Kime**  
USSOCOM TAPO



Ms. LeAntha Sumpter, (Deputy Director for Program Development and Implementation, Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for AT&L) presents Mr. Jeff Kime, (USSOCOM TAPO) with an IUID Team Excellence Award.



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Since the IUID Policy was introduced in 2003, it has been rapidly implemented by Department of Defense (DoD) Program Managers, Depots, Automatic Identification Technology (AIT) Solution Providers, Government Leaders and DoD Suppliers. Many stakeholders have fully embraced IUID to improve data quality, standardize serialization, and take advantage of automatic data capture to revolutionize existing business processes. Although there have been some challenges in IUID implementation, the rewards far outweigh the challenges, transforming current DoD business practices.

The June 17-18, 2008 UID & eBusiness Forum, held in Sacramento, California, continued the recognition of teams leaders with the distribution of the IUID Team Excellence Award.

Mr. Jeffrey Kime, supporting the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) through the Technology Applications Program Office (TAPO), accepted the IUID Team Excellence Award on the behalf of the team. His twenty plus years of experience covers IUID program development and management, aviation logistics, aviation readiness, maintenance management, material management, inventory management and distribution, purchasing, and establishing long-term provisioning and procurement contracts. Mr. Kime retired from the U.S. Army culminating his military career as the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of TAPO.

TAPO has worked to infuse new technologies with regard to legacy and new procurement systems and components focusing on Automatic Identification Technologies (AIT) to include software development. Logistics processes affected by IUID/AIT applications have been identified, and extensively planned and executed budget requirements have been executed successfully implement IUID. TAPO has provided direct staff support and executive level briefings to the Department of Defense IUID program office, USSOCOM, and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR).

According to Dr. James Finley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (DUSD) for Acquisition and Technology (A&T), "IUID provides the data key to equip warfighters with immediate item-level information, allowing the warfighter to spend a fraction of the time on manual data entry. By marking every qualifying asset in DoD inventory and registering the item-level data in a single database, individual users through DoD information systems have access to a globally unique identifier that can be used to track item availability, manage item maintenance history, provide a reliable audit trail, and enhance overall item accountability."

Mr. Kime is recognized as an IUID leader within USSOCOM due to his success with TAPO and his willingness to help other organizations within USSOCOM to establish their programs and marking and registering capabilities. He is directly responsible for USSOCOM's current efforts in identifying, marking, and registering for the Foreign Weapons Program, the Small Unmanned Aircraft systems, and for USSOCOM equipment managed by TACOM. Mr. Kime's positive attitude and forward thinking have resulted in the marking and registering of over 7,000 TAPO assets achieving significant cost savings for the Command.