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SUBJECT: Nominations for Systems Engineering Awards

As principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics on systems engineering and as the sponsor for activities aimed at improving systems engineering execution across DoD acquisition, I am soliciting your nominations for the 2009 DoD Top 5 Program Awards and the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)'s 2010 Lt Gen Thomas R. Ferguson, Jr. Systems Engineering Excellence Awards recognizing both an individual and a group for ongoing achievement.

Many individuals and organizations are using systems engineering to accelerate the successful acquisition of critical services and systems for the warfighter. Past winners of these awards have demonstrated how projects use well-defined and proven processes and practices to develop, manage, and integrate weapon systems. These awards provide the DoD systems engineering community a welcome opportunity to recognize successful leaders, groups, and programs and to highlight their efforts.

Access to nomination details and previous winners can be found at <http://www.ndia.org/Divisions/Divisions/SystemsEngineering/Pages/Awards.aspx>. Winners will receive their awards at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NDIA Systems Engineering Conference, October 25-29, 2010, San Diego, CA. *Defense AT&L Magazine* will feature the Top 5 winners in their January-February 2011 issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. P. Welby", is positioned above the typed name.

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