Two Teams from Hanscomb Air Force Base, Massachusetts, win the Software Innovation Team Award and the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award

U.S. Air Force Cloud One (pictured right via Zoom) and Platform One Teams

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ellen Lord, announced the winners of the 2020 Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards for excellence in contracting, acquisitions, and software development.

Since 1997, the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award recognizes teams that demonstrate exemplary innovation and best practices in acquiring and delivering products and capabilities to the warfighter. The Software Innovation Team Award, established in 2019 by Ms. Lord, recognizes teams that are driving speed and innovation in continuous software development and acquisition as evidenced by frequent and high-quality delivery of software capabilities to warfighters. Cloud One is a test, production, and computing environment that securely supports 57 Air Force mission system applications. “What an honor it’s been to lead this branch and this Cloud One team — I’m very proud of them,” said Lt. Col. Todd Watson, materiel leader, Enterprise Cloud Services.

Watson anticipates the number of AF applications supported to grow rapidly in the months ahead, as Cloud One is expected to expand services and cloud offerings across multiple security levels. “A capability of this magnitude takes a substantial amount of planning, organizing, finesse, and smart, committed people, which Cloud One has in spades."

“I view Cloud One as a great enabler for not only the Air Force, but the greater DoD,” said Watson. “Partnerships are key and the work we’re doing across our sister services, with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, industry, and closer to home with the bright folks over in Platform One, is enabling even greater capability and innovation. I can’t wait to see what lies ahead for this team.”

“I couldn’t be more proud of our Cloud One and Platform One teams on this outstanding accomplishment,” said Major General Michael J. Schmidt, Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communication, Intelligence, and Networks, from Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. “This award represents excellence at the highest level. Winning it is true testament to their work ethic, resourcefulness, and willingness to put the mission and the warfighter first.”
Our Mission
As part of Section 869 of the FY19 NDAA, Congress directed that a Community of Practice (CoP) be established to support the Agile pilot program knowledge sharing and cultural transformation. “Cop News” was created to bring together the software development community by highlighting Agile software-relevant news, information, policy, publications, events, and lessons learned.

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Software Acquisition in the News

DoD Software Modernization “Ask me Anything” Round Table: Moderated by the DoD CIO Matthew Jue, senior members of the SW Modernization Steering Group discuss the advantages of deploying software on the battlefield in real-time, at the speed of relevance. See https://media.dau.edu/media/1_krh1fkor

Boeing Hires Tesla, Google, Software Guru to Lead Innovation: Boeing announced it has hired former SpaceX engineer, Jinnah Hosein, as VP for Software Engineering, a new position focusing on developing software across Boeing’s portfolio. See https://www.flightglobal.com/airframers/former-spacex-tesla-engineer-to-lead-boeings-software-team/141014.article

How the Clinger-Cohen Act can Accelerate Digital Transformation: In this opinion piece, author and former Agile Acquisitions Program Manager at Kessel Run, Matt Nelson, offers interesting perspective on bringing digital transformation to DoD. See https://mmelson-rise8.medium.com/how-the-clinger-cohen-act-can-accelerate-your-digital-transformation-cdbf7955b90a

Outreach

DoD Adaptive Acquisition Framework: Stacy Cummings, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions, explained how the adaptive acquisition framework at the Defense Department improves the acquisition process. See: https://govmatters.tv/switching-to-an-adaptive-acquisition-framework/

Pentagon Promotes “Think Differently” about Software: Ellen Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment discusses the new defining 5000.87 Software Acquisition Pathway, guiding the military’s software development and streamlining the acquisition process. See https://www.dau.edu/News/A-Hard-Talk-about-Software

NDIA 2020 Virtual Systems and Mission Engineering Conference: Sean Brady, DoD Lead for Software Acquisition Policy & Workforce, was a featured speaker at this conference, conveying recent policy highlights and the flexibility of using the Software Acquisition Pathway for future and current software acquisition. https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/11/10/2020-vsystems-and-mission-engineering-conference (Virtual Exhibit Hall at link is open until December 13, 2020)