

2016 CCO Excellence Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2016 Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award is Lieutenant Colonel Daphne Austin, United States Army, Commander of the 921st Contracting Battalion at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. Lieutenant Colonel Daphne Austin led the first contracting team to deploy in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. She transformed an austere camp into a forward operating base enabling the 1st Infantry Division to operate the first Expeditionary Build Partner Capacity site. Establishing base camp Erbil from the ground up, LTC Austin awarded over 100 contract actions valued at over \$3 million for critical supplies, services, and construction projects. LTC Austin's collaboration and communications acumen were responsible for ensuring that situational volatility did not cause potential waste of government resources; moreover her critical thinking and problem solving was attributed to \$2 million in cost avoidance. Additionally, her creativity and bravery ensured Task Force Al Asad successfully obtained contractual resupply while enduring more than 70 indirect fire attacks. The distinctive accomplishments and dedication of LTC Austin to ensuring the success of Joint U.S. and Coalition Forces during Operation Inherent Resolve reflect great credit upon herself, the United States Army and the Department of Defense. Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Austin.



