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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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SUBJECT: The Richard 'Dick' Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award

In 2015, the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy office instituted the "Richard 'Dick' Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award." This award honors Mr. Ginman for his superlative service to the nation, both in and out of uniform, and his unparalleled support of the Contingency Contracting Community. This annual award will honor the inspirational actions of a Contingency Contracting Officer (CCO).

First, I appreciate the exemplary support your organizations provide to meet the warfighter needs in past, current, and future contingency or operational missions. Secondly, thank you for your nominations. The nominees are strong examples of all individuals who have excelled in supporting a contingency or other operational mission requiring a CCO while overcoming hardships experienced in their operational area.

From the pool of truly exceptional nominees, I proudly announce the awardee for the second annual Richard 'Dick' Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award is Lieutenant Colonel Daphne Austin. LTC Austin was nominated by the Army Contracting Command for her exceptional achievements while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. The awardee will be recognized at the 2017 DoD Contracting Conference in June 2017.

Congratulations to LTC Austin!

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