



IUID Team Excellence Award



US Army PM Bridging and Force Projection



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) and Mr. Robert Leibrandt (Deputy), presents the US Army PM Bridging and Force Projection Team with the IUID Team Excellence Award.



IUID Individual Contribution Award



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First initiated as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Project in March of 2009, Mark Sweeney has led a team on a disciplined approach to build a UID Legacy marking process for PM Force Projection. Because of the success in developing a validated marking and data capture process, the PM for Force Projection (FP) asked Mark to lead a Black Belt project to implement this process in all 5 PMs in Force Projection. This current team was assembled in January 2010 when the Black Belt Project was launched. This project has been briefed to and received support from the ASA (ALT) UID IPT and the TACOM LCMC UID IPT.

In order to mark and capture UID data anywhere in the world, the team had to develop a unique software and hardware solution that could be adaptable to almost any situation. The goal is use this solution with a well defined process and empower teams that are already fielding equipment or in remote sites to mark equipment and do data capture. Because the software is web based, a link to the web via a 3G network must be maintained. This signal could be lost, especially when marking vessels below decks. An upgrade is being developed to allow the software to store data when the link is lost and then pass on the data once the comm. link is reestablished.

The hardware solution had to be portable and usable in a wide variety of situations. The team worked to develop and test the key components of this marking kit. Coordination has been initiated with PM SKOT to further develop the kit and obtain an NSN so any organization can order it. This kit contains everything necessary for not only scanning a UID mark, but also generating, verifying, and registering.

During this project multiple visits were made to Depots, OEMs, active, National Guard and Reserve Army units to test the kit and our process on equipment concentration sites to better understand and root cause their deficiencies. We were able to identify and correct process problems and capture nearly \$100 million dollars worth of equipment.

For their demonstrated leadership and commitment to progressing IUID by incorporating Lean Six Sigma, the US Army PM Bridging and PM Force Projection Team is the recipient of the IUID Team Excellence Award.