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SUBJECT: The 2020 Pricing and Contracting Legends Award – Call for Nominations

This is the call for nominations for the “Pricing and Contracting Legends Award.” The award is intended to honor current and former contracting leaders, and to encourage and promote the leadership qualities they exemplified. The award recognizes leaders from all levels within the DoD pricing and contracting community who have trained, mentored, and demonstrated passion for their profession. Attached are the instructions and criteria for 2020 award nominations. The awardee’s accomplishments will be recognized by DoD contracting senior leadership in the early spring timeframe.

I encourage each Component (Acquisition Executive; Deputy Assistant Secretary, and/or Agency or Field Activity Director of Contracting) to identify and nominate a single deserving employee for the 2020 Pricing and Contracting Legends Award. Please send your nominations for the award not later than January 11, 2021, to [osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc@mail.mil). My staff point of contact is Ms. Lyndi Balven, at [carolyn.m.balven.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carolyn.m.balven.civ@mail.mil).

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## The Pricing and Contracting Legends Award

**1. ELIGIBILITY:** Military members or Government civilian employees within the DoD pricing/contracting community at any grade level who have demonstrated the traits as detailed below throughout their contracting career.

**2. BACKGROUND:** Pricing and Contracting Legends inspire us to be our best every day, in every situation. To honor them, we created a gallery of those Legends who have left us, as well as award those who inspire us to walk in their footsteps.

It began with the Sharon R. Parish “People Always” Leadership Award, and after three award cycles, DoD lost Mr. Barney Klehman. Rather than create a separate award to honor Barney, the Director of Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DP/DPAP), in consultation with the Senior Procurement Executives (SPEs), decided to create the annual Acquisition and Contracting Legends Award. In 2018, the award was re-titled to the Pricing and Contracting Legends Award to more closely align with the 2018 Acquisition and Sustainment organizational structure and mission.

**3. AWARD:** The Pricing and Contracting Legends Award recognizes leaders at all levels in the DoD contracting community that have developed, motivated and inspired others through formal and informal initiatives. The awardee’s accomplishments will be recognized by DoD contracting senior leadership in the early spring timeframe.

The six categories below summarize the traits exemplified by Pricing and Contracting Legends. Nominations will identify how the individual excelled in these areas and should explain the nominee’s accomplishments.

a. Mentorship and Dedication to Helping Others

The nominee provides mentorship and coaching, and seeks opportunities to help others grow and improve in their careers.

b. Selfless Service

The nominee places the mission and consideration for others before their own wants and performs services/duties without expecting reward.

c. Creative Thinking

The nominee is creative in their thinking and approach to problem solving. Their efforts support the growth of the profession through the introduction of innovative ideas.

d. Collaboration

The nominee builds teams with a spirit of community and cohesion; involves others in developing plans and goals; and recognizes contributions and gives others visibility and credit. The nominee develops extensive networks across organizations and routinely uses these networks for the benefit of the workforce.

e. Contracting Expertise

The nominee demonstrates expertise in navigating the complexities of pricing and contracting.

f. Leadership Qualities

The nominee demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities through his or her willingness to lead on tough issues. He or she excels in leadership roles on multi-disciplined teams.

**4. INSTRUCTIONS:**

a. The Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC) solicits nominees from the addressees for this award annually.

b. Each Component may nominate one individual annually. Nominations must be no longer than two pages in length and must address the six categories above. Forward nomination packages with a cover memo to [osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc@mail.mil) no later than January 11, 2021.

c. The Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting will select the Contracting Legends award winner or multiple winners, and will also make selections for individuals nominated to the Legends Gallery.

d. The winner(s) of the Pricing and Contracting Legends Award will receive a certificate and award with a nameplate.

**5. LEGENDS GALLERY:** At any time, each addressee may also nominate a deceased individual to be added to the Pricing and Contracting Legends Gallery via a memorandum to the Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting. The nomination should include a suggested biography of not more than 35-words to be included in the Gallery. If selected to the gallery, the individual will be recognized in the Pricing and Contracting Legends Gallery on the right hand side of the DPC's Pricing and Contracting Legends Award.

See: [https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/acquisition\\_contracting\\_legends\\_award.html](https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/acquisition_contracting_legends_award.html)