

Edward Vargesko — Suggestion Award Recipient

Being a nonresident with an array of contractors, I spend a lot of time surfing the electronic document access database — the “master” multi-agency database that feeds the Defense Contract Management Agency’s electronic data workflow — for contracts and their subsequent modifications. I do this because not all contracts and/or modifications flow through our EDW.

I had one contracting officer take the extra step of adding me to the EDA notification list — similar to the notification list contained



Edward Vargesko presented an idea through the DCMA suggestion program.

in Wide Area Work Flow. Now I am immediately informed when a new contract or modification has been added to my contractor, and I don’t have to take time away from my surveillance activities to “surf.” Since the EDA function is

available in the same way as the WAWF, I feel there is no reason that contracting officers can’t simply add their names to the notification list. This would save time, prompt actions and decrease response time. **C**

Benefits of Making a Suggestion

The story above details the thought process that led Vargesko to submit his idea to the suggestion program.

The suggestion was approved, which helped the agency, and Vargesko personally benefitted by winning a monetary award. The suggestion program could be a win-win for you, too — just go to the suggestion Web site at <http://home.dcma.mil/guidebook/112/instructions.htm> to see how the process works.

Although formal guidance is still in coordination at press time, interested employees will need to fill out a DCMA Suggestion Form. Employees should gather facts, do appropriate research and outline one or more possible solutions or improvements.

They then need to address the following questions in block 5 of the form:

- What is the problem?
- Why is it a problem?
- How does the problem affect DCMA or DoD costs and timeliness?
- How does the problem affect customer service?
- What is the current process?
- What is the specific part or parts of the current process that is causing the problem?
- What is the suggested change or improvement?
- What are the benefits (described in measures of cost, quality or timeliness) that will result from making the suggested change or improvement?