

DCMA Employees Take Ho

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The Defense Contract Management Agency was well-represented at the 2009 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Awards Ceremony Oct. 4, 2009, in Arlington, Va.

Army Col. John Cunnane, DCMA Maryland and Afghanistan, and Army Lt. Col. William Boruff, DCMA Combat Vehicles Detroit, won awards in the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year category. This awards category recognizes the expertise and ability needed to research, manage, develop, test, evaluate, contract, field and sustain warfighting systems.

Cunnane was honored as the “Acquisition Director of the Year at the Colonel Level.” Under his guidance, DCMA Maryland achieved significant contractor on-time delivery rate improvement. Focusing chiefly on high-risk suppliers, DCMA Maryland



Army Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, left, principal military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Dean G. Popp, right, Acting ASAALT, present the 2009 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Award for Acquisition Director at the Lieutenant Colonel Level to Defense Contract Management Agency’s Army Lt. Col. William Boruff. (Photos by McArthur Newell II, BRTRC)

developed a multidiscipline engagement strategy to address root-cause processes. Through his extensive contracting expertise and management initiative, Cunnane

helped foster a trustworthy, proactive and positive working environment.

Boruff, who was specifically honored as the “Acquisition Director of the Year at the Lieutenant Colonel Level,” helped develop the DCMA team supporting the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle — the Department of Defense’s highest-priority program. He also assisted in putting together a DCMA enterprise-wide team comprised of the smallest suppliers to full-vehicle assemblers and integrators. The team predicted and prevented supply chain and quality problems that delay vehicle deliveries. Additionally, Boruff planned and implemented

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creative resource allocations that enabled DCMA to double Bradley Fighting Vehicle production while maintaining fielding schedules and improving quality.

Master of Ceremonies Army Col. Brian Winters, U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center deputy director, described nominees as individuals who “ensure our soldiers have the materiel they need to fight with greater lethality, survivability and sustainability, regardless of where the battlefield or mission takes them. When faced with numerous challenges,” he continued, “these individuals have demonstrated exceptional skill and service above and beyond the call of duty to the Army, the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps and the soldiers they support.” 



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