

DCMA's Denise Jones Receives Prestigious Ustad Award

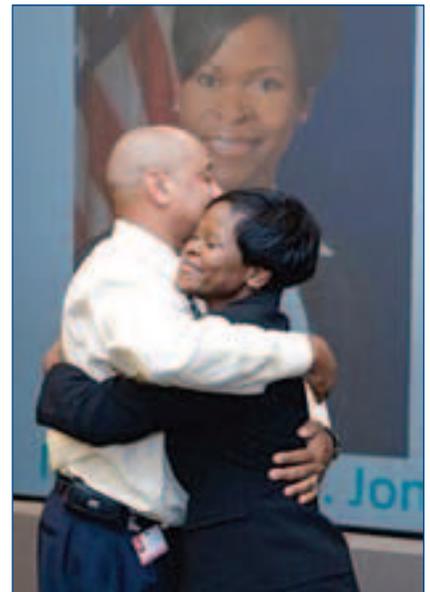
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Denise Jones, Defense Contract Management Agency Lockheed Martin Marietta contracts operations manager, recently received the General Services Administration's prestigious 2009 Ida Ustad Award for Excellence in Acquisition. The award honors Jones leadership skills and excellence in acquisition.

Jones manages production, sustainment and modernization contracts for the C-130 *Hercules*, C-5 *Galaxy*, P-3 *Orion*, F-22 *Raptor* and Air Force Plant 6 facilities programs — some 336 contracts valued at more than \$58 billion. Jones also has the authority to act on all contract business matters on behalf of the United Kingdom, Italy, Denmark, Australia, India, Canada and Norway for foreign

military sales programs. The Ida Ustad award honors many of Jones' acquisition accomplishments and her dedication to mentoring and developing DCMA's future workforce at DCMA LMM. "Ms. Jones has worked countless hours with the civilian workforce here at DCMA LMM, developing and establishing training programs and development programs for her contract specialists that include interpreting guidance and regulations for mission success, providing oversight and applying control standards and researching and directing system engineering efforts," said Henrietta Snow, DCMA LMM deputy commander.

Jones never lets manpower shortages distract her from achieving DCMA's goals. Her



DCMA's Denise Jones, DCMA LMM Contracts Director, hugs her husband, Martin L. Jones, upon receiving her prestigious honor. (Photos courtesy of Damien A. Guarnieri, DCMA LMM)

enthusiasm, drive and innovation inspired her team to accomplish tasks that initially seemed impossible. Through her efforts, management noticed employee morale increasing within her team. Furthermore, 90 percent of her team completed secondary degrees or additional specialty training under Jones' leadership. "Jones

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serves as a true role model and sets the standard for others to emulate,” said Snow.

Jones’ career began as a stay-in-school student with the Defense Finance Accounting Service. She recalls the mentors who influenced her career path and emulates their style with her subordinates. Jones is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, possessing a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certification in contracting and a Level II certification in program management.

David Drabkin, deputy chief acquisition officer and senior procurement executive officer for GSA, presented Jones with a \$5,000 check at the award ceremony. Attending the ceremony were Lee Rhyant, executive vice president and general manager, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics-Marietta; Air Force Col. Casey Blake, DCMA LMM commander; Snow; and Jones’ friends, coworkers and family members.

Jones said she is fortunate to be surrounded by smart people who focus on solutions rather than problems. She added that just makes her strive to do better and be better. “My deepest gratitude and thanks goes to my team,” Jones remarked. **C**



For receiving the prestigious Ida Ustad award, Jones received a check for \$5,000. From left: David Drabkin, General Services Administration deputy chief acquisition officer and senior procurement executive officer; Henrietta Snow, DCMA deputy commander; and Air Force Col. Casey Blake, DCMA LMM commander.



Jones stands proudly with fellow DCMA associates. From left: Air Force Col. Casey Blake, DCMA LMM commander; Lee Rhyant, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics-Marietta executive vice president and general manager; and Henrietta Snow, DCMA deputy commander.