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SUBJECT: Fourth Annual Secretary of Defense Product Support Manager Award

The Product Support Manager (PSM) is a critical program position in delivering weapon system readiness. In recognition of PSM accomplishments and contributions toward achieving the goals outlined in Better Buying Power, this memorandum solicits nominations for the 2016 Secretary of Defense Product Support Manager of the Year Award.

The PSM is the Program Manager's expert on sustainment planning, responsible for implementing product support capabilities that achieve the user's requirements for system availability. The award recognizes PSM contributions to controlling cost within affordability caps, promoting industry competition and innovation, and implementing effective product support strategies. The award honors outstanding PSMs in two categories: Major Defense Acquisition Programs, Acquisition Categories (ACATs) I PSM; and Major Weapon System/Other Weapon Systems, ACAT II and below PSMs.

This award supports the Department's goal to enhance the Defense Acquisition Workforce (DAW) with incentives, increased capabilities, and recognition of the PSM as critical to program support. It furthers the DAW vision of creating a high quality, high-performing, agile DAW to achieve technological superiority and protect America's national security.

PSM Award nominations are due August 26, 2016. Submission instructions and criteria are attached. The winners in each category will be acknowledged at the spring 2017 Secretary of Defense Product Support Manager Workshop, followed by formal presentation of the award at their command. My point of contact is Ms. Tina Todd, OASD(L&MR)/MR, at 571-256-0632 or tina.m.todd.civ@mail.mil.



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