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Colleagues,

I'd like to formally invite you to attend the 25th DoW CIO Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize this year's Program Winners.

This ceremony recognizes and honors exceptional individuals and teams who have demonstrated outstanding achievements supporting warfighter readiness, lethality and/or deterrence using innovate information management or technology advancements and will be held on 10 December 2025 at 1330 EST in the Pentagon Auditorium (BH650). The ceremony will include a distinguished guest speaker, award presentations, photographs, USO entertainment & guests, and light refreshments following the ceremony.

Please join me in congratulating the below list of 2025 DoW CIO Annual Award Program Individual and Team Winners:

Individuals:

Individual Gold Winners: (3)

USAF: 1st Lieutenant Diego Castanon
SOCOM: Sergeant William J Smail, USMC
DCMA: Major Jean-Luc Duckworth

Individual Silver Winners: (2)

USAF: Master Sergeant Kenneth Bricker
ARMY: Mr. Aaron P. Ford

Individual Bronze Winners: (4)

USAF: Captain James Lockatell
DHA: Mr. Richard T. Edwards
Joint Staff: Commander Matthew J. Manship, USN
SOCOM: Sergeant Joshua T. Small, USMC

Teams:

Team Gold Winners: (5)

DISA: Europe Infrastructure Services Team
DHA: ILER PMO Team
DOE: NNSA Assured Communications Team
OUSD: R&E Black Ansible Team
ARMY: EBS-MFCT Modernization Team

Team Silver Winners: (6)

NSA: BLANKTELEGRAM Team
USMC: Networks Team
USMC: MCIC ADC WG Team
JS: J6 Spectrum Team
USAF: DAD SQUAD Team
DON: Zero Trust Implementation Team

Team Bronze Winners: (5)

USAF: ACOMS Team
DIA: DIA JWICS JCIP Team
DHS: Android Team Awareness Kit Team
USMC: 0648 Modernization Team
OUSD: DMDC / DHRA MyAuth Team

Congratulations again and thank you for your continued contributions as part of the DoW Information Technology community. I look forward to seeing you at the ceremony!

The DoW CIO Awards Program Team will contact your Service or Agency coordination to provide ceremony details, logistics, and confirm attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: [osd.mc-alex.dod-cio.mbx.dod-cio-awards\(a\).mail.mil](mailto:osd.mc-alex.dod-cio.mbx.dod-cio-awards(a).mail.mil).

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