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SUBJECT: 2019 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics Award Selections

I am pleased to announce the 2019 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics (PBL) Award Winners. The Secretary of Defense PBL Awards recognize government/industry teams who have demonstrated innovative sustainment solutions. The winning teams provided Warfighters with exceptional support through sustainment transformation using creative approaches that yielded improved lethality.

System Level Award:

H-60 Seahawk Performance Based Logistics Team, U.S. Navy  
Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon Systems Support  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Subsystem Level Award:

Precision Attack Sniper Integrated Product Team, U.S. Air Force  
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

Please extend my sincere congratulations on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to this year's winners. Attached is a detailed summary of their outstanding accomplishments.

The 2019 PBL Award winners will be recognized at the 2020 Office of the Secretary of Defense Product Support Manager Workshop, followed by formal presentation of the award at their commands. For further information, contact Ms. Marie "Meg" Fiorillo, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Product Support, at (703) 697-5981 or [marie.e.fiorillo.civ@mail.mil](mailto:marie.e.fiorillo.civ@mail.mil).

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**ACCOMPLISHMENT SUMMARIES OF THE  
2019 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERFORMANCE BASED  
LOGISTICS (PBL) AWARD WINNERS**

**System Level Award:**

**H-60 Seahawk PBL Team**

The H-60 Seahawk is the benchmark program for System Level PBL. The \$1.34 billion PBL contract with the Maritime Helicopter Support Company (MHSCo) encompassed a 59-month period of performance. It incorporated partnerships with Navy Fleet Readiness Centers (FRCs) East, Southeast, Southwest, Army Depot Tobyhanna, and Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Keyport. Partnered with 60 Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)/suppliers and five government depots, MHSCo incorporated collective best practices and knowledge of aircraft systems and subsystems to enable effective, cost-wise support. The Firm-Fixed Price (FFP) PBL vehicle incentivized MHSCo to make investments and support decisions with long-term payback through improved parts support, investments in reliability, optimized depot processes, and decreased depot returns. The PBL was funded by the flight hour to maximize flexibility in adjusting to potential program or budget changes. Material availability improved over 30 percent to 98 percent by the end of FY 2018. The contract provided unprecedented support to Navy, Coast Guard, and foreign military customers, with documented cost avoidance of over \$20 million. The efforts of the H-60 Seahawk PBL Team demonstrated outstanding creativity and innovation, resulting in superb combat readiness and superlative cost-wise performance to the Fleet.

**Subsystem Level Award:**

**Precision Attack Sniper Integrated Product Team**

The Precision Attack Sniper Integrated Product Team PBL program provided critical sustainment support to the United States Air Force (USAF) and the Air National Guard (ANG) for their global fleet of 656 Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods. The teamwork between the United States Government and Lockheed Martin Corporation on this Sniper PBL contract demonstrated a comprehensive solution in providing the user support needed that consistently met or exceeded required readiness rates. Some of the major program achievements included: (1) creating a \$91.7 million cost avoidance by maintaining the Sniper Fleet Operational Availability (Ao) 8.2 percent better than the requirement; (2) having a spares availability rate of 98.6 percent; (3) creating availability of depot repair parts of 99.9 percent; (4) outperforming the mean time between maintenance event requirement by 46 percent and the minimum mean time between failure requirement by 89 percent; (5) reducing support costs up to 30 percent from previous PBL contracts; (6) maintaining a public-private partnership that supported USAF compliance with Title 10 Core and 50-50 requirements and employed highly skilled technicians at Warner Robins, Georgia; and (7) provided on-call technical assistance and support 24/7 to improve the maintainer's capability to troubleshoot and repair pods. This PBL effort reduced costs, delivered superior operational availability, and provided exceptional value and support to USAF and ANG missions around the world.