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SUBJECT: Nominations for the Department of Defense Drug Demand Reduction
Program Awards

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (OASD (HA)) seeks your nominations for the Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Defense (DoD) Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDRP) Awards. The awards are divided into the two following categories:

Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award

This award recognizes the best DDRP within each Service, the National Guard, and the Defense agencies in an effort to promote its support of outreach and prevention programs within its communities. Each Service and the National Guard are limited to four submissions and each Defense agency is limited to two submissions. Procedural details for submission of nominees are provided in Attachment 1.

Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award

This award is designed to recognize the best youth-based program that is affiliated with a United States Military Service, Defense agency, or the National Guard. In order to be eligible for this award, participants in the program must be of school age and have contributed to articulating the antidrug message to their peers and communities. Procedural details for submission of nominees are provided in Attachment 2.

Any submissions received directly from a unit or installation will not be considered without coordination through its higher headquarters. Nominations should be submitted to the appropriate Service Secretary, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, agency Director or the National Director of the organization who will then forward the nominations to OASD (HA) no later than July 1, 2008. Winners selected from all of the submissions will be notified no later than July 15, 2008, and invited to receive the award at the DoD Annual Red Ribbon Week Observance Ceremony on October 24, 2008.

Thank you for your continued support of the DoD drug demand reduction efforts. It is important that we all participate in this award nomination process in order to recognize the outstanding efforts that keep the DoD DDRP robust and effective. If your staff has any questions, please contact Colonel Ronald Shippee at (703) 681-4348, or Ronald.Shippee@tma.osd.mil.

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S. Ward Casscells, MD

Attachments:
As stated

18th ANNUAL SECRETARY OF DEFENSE COMMUNITY DRUG AWARENESS AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

A. Purpose

The Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award is presented annually to the best Drug Demand Reduction Program (DDRP) for the previous Fiscal Year within each Service, the National Guard Bureau, and the Defense agencies. The award was established by the Department in 1990 in an effort to promote community drug awareness efforts in the Department of Defense (DoD) community. The military Services, Defense agencies, and the National Guard Bureau in the past have exhibited enthusiasm and energy in designing and implementing DDRPs for the benefit of our military members and their families. The 18th Annual Community Drug Awareness Awards will be presented on Friday, October 24, 2008, as part of the Pentagon's Red Ribbon Week activities.

B. Eligibility

There are three types of DDRPs within DoD that are eligible for this award:

- 1) Programs, conducted wholly or partially with DoD assets, aimed at our military personnel and their dependents, and DoD civilian employees;
- 2) Programs, supported by strictly voluntary efforts of DoD personnel targeted to appropriate populations, with or without contributions by other non-DoD sources;
- 3) Programs conducted by the National Guard of the various states under the terms of the Governors' State Plans (Section 112 programs).

The awards are in recognition of base, activity, or unit programs and are not awarded to specific individual(s).

C. Criteria

In order to allow for the development of imaginative DDRPs, the award criteria are general in definition. Substantive criteria on which the nominations will be judged will include the following:

- Strict adherence to the target populations within the three categories of DoD DDRPs described above;

- Maximizing the use of Department demand reduction assets to effectively reach the targeted audience (i.e., are the funds used to best reach the audience effectively, or could resources have been otherwise better spent?);
- Documented participation in Red Ribbon Week Observances. Any nomination not documenting Red Ribbon Week participation will be disqualified;
- Program impact determined by some observable and measurable events such as number of personnel impacted by the programs; and
- Programmatic achievements limited to the parameters of Fiscal Year 2007.

D. Nomination Procedures

Nominations for the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award shall cover the period of Fiscal Year 2007. The nominations shall be submitted by the base commander, or equivalent rank, to their respective Service Secretary or the Chief, National Guard Bureau. The Defense agencies should forward their nominations to their respective agency director. The Service Secretaries, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and agency directors will then compile their nominations and submit them to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (OASD (HA)). Each Service and the National Guard Bureau are limited to four submissions, while each Defense agency may submit only two nominations. One program will be selected to receive the award from each of the military Services and the National Guard Bureau, and one award recipient will be selected from among all of the Defense agency submissions.

One original and one copy of the nomination are to be mailed by the offices of the Service Secretaries, National Guard Bureau or agency Directors to be received by the OASD (HA) (Attention: Colonel Ron Shippee, USA), Five Skyline Place, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206, no later than July 1, 2008. Nominations received after July 1, 2008, will be disqualified. Questions may be directed to Colonel Ron Shippee at (703) 681-4348.

Nomination format:

A narrative describing the activities and achievements of each nominee shall not exceed four typed pages in at least 12 point. It shall contain the following information:

- a. Name of the program and the military Service;
- b. Location of the program (name of base or installation, ship or facility, and where located);
- c. Background of the program to include mission, date of inception, duration, and growth of the program, if applicable;

- d. Description of target audience(s) to include level of risk for drug abuse;
- e. Description of how Demand Reduction funds were used;
- f. Note types of DoD Red Ribbon Week activities in which the organization participated;
- g. Description of the impact of the program on the community in Fiscal Year 2007 to include: A description of the overall methodology of the program; activities and achievements; and specific data that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program on the population. Activities and achievements outside of these dates will not be considered; and
- h. Recommendation and verification by proper authorities.

Pictures, flyers, and other additional material may be included.

Common errors:

Some common errors encountered by the judges in the past resulting in a low score or disqualification are as follows:

- No visible objective measures of effectiveness of the program (i.e., no qualitative or quantitative data demonstrating how the program impacted the community);
- Programmatic achievements listed did not occur in the previous Fiscal Year;
- Red Ribbon Week activities are not cited;
- Exceeding four pages in length; and
- Grammatical and spelling errors throughout the document.

Any nominations submitted by installations that have previously submitted nominations must be entirely new submissions. Nominations received similar to previous nominations from the same place are unacceptable, and will be disqualified.

E. Selection of Awards Recipients

An awards committee shall be established by the OASD (HA) to review and evaluate the nominations. The members of the awards committee will forward their recommendations to OASD (HA).

F. Awards and Presentations

Programs selected for an award shall receive a plaque from the Secretary of Defense citing the name and achievement of the winning programs.

The awards shall be presented to the recipients at the Pentagon Auditorium on Friday, October 24, 2008, as part of the Department's Red Ribbon Week Observances. Funding for all award recipient travel expenses will be funded from DDRP funds provided to the unit for Fiscal Year 2008 execution.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FULCRUM SHIELD AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

A. Purpose

The Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award is designed to promote community drug awareness efforts by youth programs associated with the military Services, Defense agencies, and the National Guard Bureau. The award will be presented in conjunction with the 18th Annual Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Awards on Friday, October 24, 2008, as part of the Pentagon's Red Ribbon Week.

B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this award, participants in the program must be of school age and have contributed to articulating the antidrug message to their peers and communities.

C. Criteria

This award is designed to recognize the best youth antidrug outreach group that has a military affiliation. Courses or programs developed for youth by the Services or the National Guard conducted as part of their demand reduction programs may be considered. If applicable, these programs can also be submitted separately to the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Awards.

To be eligible for the award, the nominated organization must have:

- Some form of direct association/sponsorship with or by a military Service, Defense agency, or the National Guard Bureau;
- Demonstrated ability to reach populations outside the membership of the organization with the antidrug message;
- Documented participation in Red Ribbon Week Observances. Any nomination not documenting Red Ribbon Week participation will be disqualified;
- A clear description of leadership by the youth members, not just adults leading the youth;
- Documentation of maximizing the use of Department of Defense (DoD) assets to effectively reach the targeted audience (i.e., are the funds used reaching the audience effectively, or could resources have been otherwise better spent); and
- A direct, measurable impact on drug awareness in the DoD Community.

C. Nomination Procedures

Nominations for the Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award shall recognize programs that have occurred during Fiscal Year 2007. The nominations shall be submitted by the National Directors of the respective organizations, Directors of Defense agencies or, in the case of National Guard nominations, the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Each Defense agency is limited to one nomination, while each of the Services and the National Guard are limited to three. After review by a predetermined award selection committee, one overall program will be selected to receive the award.

One original and one copy of the submission must be received by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (OASD (HA)) (Attention: Colonel Ron Shippee, USA), Five Skyline Place, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206, no later than July 1, 2008. Nominations received after July 1, 2008, will be disqualified. The copies of the submission do not have to be in the same format as the original (i.e., if color photos are used in the original, a black and white Xerox is fine for the copies). Questions may be directed to Colonel Ronald Shippee at (703) 681-4348.

Nomination format:

Nominations shall be limited to four typed pages at least 12 point, not including supporting documentation, and shall contain the following:

- a. Name of the program and the military Service with which it is associated;
- b. Location of the program (name of base or installation, facility, and where located);
- c. Background of the program to include mission, date of inception, duration and growth of the program, if applicable;
- d. Note type of DoD Red Ribbon Activities in which organization has participated (name of base or installation, facility, location, and types of activities);
- e. Description of the impact of the program reducing drug use in the community in Fiscal Year 2007 to include: A description of the overall methodology of the program; activities and achievements; and specific data that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program on the population. Activities and achievements outside of these dates will not be considered; and
- f. Recommendation and verification by proper authorities.

Pictures, flyers and other additional material may be included.

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Some common errors encountered by the judges in the past, resulting in a low score or disqualification, are as follows:

- No visible objective measures of effectiveness of the program (i.e., no qualitative or quantitative data demonstrating how the program impacted the community);
- Programmatic achievements listed did not occur in the previous Fiscal Year;
- Focus on community service efforts that do not impact the antidrug message;
- Exceeding four pages in length; and
- Grammatical and spelling errors throughout the document.

Any nominations submitted by installations that have previously submitted nominations must be entirely new submissions. Nominations received similar to previous nominations from the same place are unacceptable.

D. Selection of Awards Winners

An awards committee shall be established by the OASD (HA) to review and evaluate the nominations. The committee shall be composed of members from the DoD departments other than those under the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). The members of the awards committee will forward their recommendations to OASD (HA). The committee is independent of OASD (HA) and does not receive any outside influence.

E. Awards and Presentations

Programs selected for an award shall receive a plaque from the Secretary of Defense citing the name and achievement of the winning programs.

The awards shall be presented to the winners at the Pentagon Auditorium on Friday, October 24, 2008, as part of the Department's Red Ribbon Week Observances. The winner's hosting organization will fund travel expenses from DDRP funds provided to the organization for Fiscal Year 2008 execution. Funding will support one youth, with a parent, and one person from the winning program to travel to the Pentagon to accept the award. When a parent is unable to attend, the hosting organization will fund two adults with prior background checks per DoD Instruction 6060.4 to act as chaperones.