

CrossTalk Presents Top 5 Awards at the Software Technology Conference

The winners of CrossTalk's 2002 U.S. Government's Top 5 Quality Software Projects were presented with their awards at the 2003 Software Technology Conference (STC) held recently in Salt Lake City. Individual awards were presented by Joe Jarzombek, deputy director, Software Intensive Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of

Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) – the department sponsoring the contest. H. Bruce Allgood, director, Computer Resources Support Improvement Program at Hill Air Force Base, introduced the representatives from each winning project to more than 2,300 STC conference attendees.

The intent of this search was to recog-

nize outstanding performance of software teams and to promote best practices. These Top 5 project winners were selected from 70 nominations in this second annual event.

CrossTalk begins accepting nominations for the 2003 Top 5 contest after July 1, 2003. Applications will be available at the Web site <www.stc.hill.af.mil>. ♦



The award for the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System Software Upgrade (photo left) was accepted by (from left) Phil King, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, and Lt. Col. A. J. Scott, U.S. Air Force.

Receiving the award for OneSAF Testbed Baseline (photo right) were (from left) Doug Parsons, Beverly Kitaoka, and Bryan Cole of Science Application International Corporation.



The award for Kwajalein Modernization and Remoting (photo left) was received by (from left) Christopher Moulton, Stephen Rejto, and Bill Jaros of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

Receiving the award for Defense Civilian Pay System (photo right) were Roger Meece (left) and Sandra Barrineau (center) of the Defense Finance Accounting Service.





The award for the Enhanced Position Location Reporting System was accepted by Hope Miller (left) and Dr. John D. Olsen (center) of Raytheon Company.

Photos by Janna Kay Jensen of CrossTalk.



Representatives from the Top 5 projects took part in a panel discussion during the 2003 Software Technology Conference, including visual presentations and answering questions.

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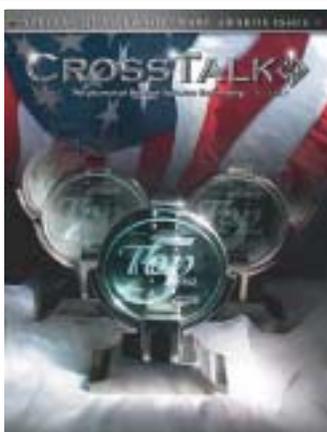
Model® Level 3. It looks like the spiral model is also proving to be a success.”

Based on these comments, I decided to review the winning nominations again. A few commonalities between the projects surfaced for me as well. The most noticeable was the close conformity to the contracted schedule and budget. This might have been a result of other commonalities such as working hand-in-hand with the users as the software was developed. With most of the projects, the users participated in the requirements

definition, answered questions during development, and often were present during all stages of the testing.

Another commonality was a focus on early defect detection. Perhaps the most beneficial commonality between the projects is their uses on multiple platforms, which saves taxpayers millions of dollars.

It seems this year’s winners show evidence that the software affecting our lives is being built with a greater degree of success and savings.◆



2003 U.S. Government's Top 5 Quality Software Projects

The Department of Defense and **CROSSTALK** will begin accepting nominations for the 2003 U.S. Government's Top 5 Quality Software Projects after July 1. Outstanding performance of software teams will be recognized and best practices promoted.

These prestigious awards are sponsored by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and are aimed at honoring the best of our government software capabilities and recognizing excellence in software acquisition and development.

The deadline for the 2003 nominations is December 5, 2003. You can review the nomination and selection process, scoring criteria, and nomination criteria by visiting our Web site after July 1. Then, using the nomination form, submit your project for consideration for this prominent award.

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