



Northrop Grumman Awards 90 Engineers for Proficiency and Innovation

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"Engineers Choice Awards" presented to top Northrop Grumman aerospace engineering professionals

REDONDO BEACH, Calif., Feb. 17, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) recently hosted its second annual "Engineers Choice Awards" event recognizing the achievements of more than 90 top aerospace engineers. The company's peer-recognition program identifies and celebrates individual engineers as well as engineering teams for exemplary technical accomplishments and demonstration of leadership, innovation, affordability, collaboration and execution of the company's objectives.



"Engineering drives our business and people's lives depend upon the work that we do," said Peggy Nelson, vice president, engineering and global product development, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "Our work helps preserve freedom and that's an important duty. Our aerospace programs are supported by a team of more than 9,000 talented engineers and the Engineers Choice Awards help us to celebrate exemplary engineering performance, which is often done under great challenges and with high levels of scrutiny. Providing the systems that safeguard our national security is what we do better than any other company in our industry."

Award winners were selected from more than 420 nominations in eight different categories and presented at a luncheon ceremony at the Portofino Inn in Redondo Beach. This year's winners are:

Award:	Winner(s):	Location:
Category: Electronics & Payloads		
Engineer of the Year	Matt D'Amore	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	Ashley Danial	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Alexis Zamora	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Technical Support Employee of the Year	Curtis Tolhurst	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Invention of the Year	William Deal; Ben Gorospe; Kevin Leong; Xiaobing Mei; Jose Padilla; Alexis Zamora	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Sarah Frost; Wendy Gwo; Joseph Kraus; Anthony McBride; Petar Tomasevic	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Technical Support)	Noemi Pineda	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Category: Integration, Competitive Analysis & Materials		
Engineer of the Year	Ge Wang	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	Dennis Dowden	Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Jacqueline Herriage	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Technical Support Employee of the Year	LaDonna Hall	Tinker AFB, Okla.
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Alex McCloskey	El Segundo, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Technical Support)	Evan Nguyen	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Category: Software Products		
Engineer of the Year	Kevin Greene	San Diego, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	James Van Kirk	Camarillo, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Jaron Kelleher	Melbourne, Fla.
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Michel Azar; Feng Cao; Henry Fung; Wayne Kim; Benjamin Montgomery; Devang Parekh	San Diego, Calif.
Category: Survivability		
Engineer of the Year	Thomas Ruskowski	El Segundo, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	Steven Fung	El Segundo, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Quoang Luu and Jane Hsu	El Segundo, Calif.
Invention of the Year	Matthew Biegner; Alan Heath; Shannon Morgan; Mike L Peters; Allan Webster	San Diego, Calif.
Category: Systems Engineering		
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Daniel Liu	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Engineer of the Year	Michelle Brenza	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	John Ni	El Segundo, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Hannah Jorgensen	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Category: Systems Integration, Test & Evaluation		
Engineer of the Year	Frank Sundell	San Diego, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	Brian Peck	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Michael Perillo	Patuxent River, Md.
Technical Support Employee of the Year	Tommy Vodang	San Diego, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Rendy Cheng; Brian Haan; Stephen Hauser; Ryan Mizukami; Derek Seibel; Frank Sundell	San Diego, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Technical Support)	Peter Apollo; Rafford Bailey; Matthew Fredericks; Jaren Goya; Vu Hoang; David Rowley	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Category: Vehicle Engineering & Products		

Engineer of the Year	Brian Aguado	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Excellence in Leadership	Roman Fry	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Most Promising E&GPD Employee	Danny Covarrubias	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Technical Support Employee of the Year	Jim Rice	Redondo Beach, Calif.
Invention of the Year	Dario Baldelli; Hien Pham; Anthony Shimko	San Diego, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Engineer)	Ty Pankretz	San Diego, Calif.
Innovation of the Year (Technical Support)	Angelica Liu	Palmdale, Calif.
Category: Divisional		
Program Execution Excellence	Jon Churnell; Romar Edson; Kathleen Klein; Kenneth Lemp; Glenn Price; Timothy Provencal	Melbourne, Fla.
Program Execution Excellence	Justin Curran; Dennis Dowden; Michael Igarta; Sharon Meadows; Ronald Plebuch; Keith Qualls	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Program Execution Excellence	Team 1: Kenneth Forsberg; Madeleine Low; Thomas Ruskowski; Donald Sage; Robert Scow; Robert Segers Team 2: Michael Addison; Mario Castagna; Jennifer Chandler; Thomas Nall; Steven Rothen; Patrick Welker	El Segundo, Calif. Melbourne, Fla.
Program Execution Excellence	Kevin Greene; Jack Watson	San Diego, Calif.

Industry growth and recent contractual program wins are creating many new engineering career opportunities within Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. New or recent graduates and tenured engineering professionals may visit www.northropgrumman.com/careers to discover opportunities to join our team in preserving freedom through performance and innovation.

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