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Northern Virginia Chamber, PSC Announce 2017 Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ Winners

Tysons, Va. – The [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Northern Virginia Chamber) and [Professional Services Council](#) (PSC) are pleased to announce the winners of the 15th Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™, the premier awards program honoring the leadership, innovation and commitment to excellence of the individuals and businesses in the region's government contracting sector.

“For the past 15 years, the Chamber has been honored to partner with PSC to present these prestigious awards,” said Northern Virginia Chamber President and CEO Jim Corcoran. “We are proud to recognize such outstanding companies and executives as they are emblematic of the best of the private sector. We applaud each of the winners for their contributions to the government contracting sector and commitment to employees and our region.”

In addition, as [announced](#) in September, **Dr. Ernst Volgenau, founder and former CEO of SRA International**, was inducted into the Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ Hall of Fame for his extraordinary contributions to the industry, and **Greg Giddens, Executive Director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**, was recognized as the 2017 Public Sector Partner of the Year. The 2017 Charity Partner is [Our Military Kids](#), which supports school-aged military children through extracurricular activities while a parent is deployed overseas or recovering from combat-related injuries. On the night of the awards show, more than \$11,500 was raised for Our Military Kids through direct donations from the event attendees.

“The Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ demonstrate the value that contractors provide every day to the government and to our citizens, and PSC is privileged to have the opportunity to honor so many companies that are making a positive difference to America,” said PSC President and CEO David J. Berteau. “We extend hearty congratulations to all of this year’s winners. Both Mr. Giddens and Dr. Volgenau are excellent examples of the great work done both inside and outside of government.”

Four Contractor of the Year awards and three Executive of the Year awards were presented. The 2017 Program of the Year was chosen from a large number of successful programs among the finalists from all four Contractor of the Year categories. The winner was recommended by the judges through a combination of mission achievement, financial success and customer recognition.



The 2017 winners are:
(*denotes PSC member)

Contractor of the Year (up to \$25 million)

Presented by: CohnReznick
[Spear, Inc.](#)

Contractor of the Year (\$25-75 million)

Presented by: United Bank
[Patriot Group International*](#)

Contractor of the Year (\$75-300 million)

Presented by: BDO USA
[Altamira Technologies Corporation](#)

Contractor of the Year (greater than \$300 million)

Presented by: PwC
[DAI*](#)

Executive of the Year (up to \$75 million)

Presented by: JP Morgan Chase
Dawn Halfaker, [Halfaker & Associates, LLC](#)

Executive of the Year (\$75-300 million)

Presented by: Houlihan Lokey
Joe Martore, [CALIBRE Systems, Inc.*](#)

Executive of the Year (greater than \$300 million)

Presented by: Hogan Lovells
Sudhakar Kesavan, [ICF*](#)

Program of the Year

Presented by: Colliers International
[The Tauri Group](#)

Hall of Fame Inductee

Presented by: PNC Bank
Dr. Ernst Volgenau, founder and former CEO of SRA International

Public Sector Partner of the Year

Presented by: David J. Berteau, PSC
[Greg Giddens](#), Executive Director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The nominations period for the 16th Annual Awards will open in early 2018. More information will be posted to www.novachamber.org. Photos from the event will be available [online](#). Follow the conversation on social media using #GovCon2017.

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About the Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™: The Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ honors the leaders and legends of the government contracting community. A prestigious panel of industry and government professionals selects finalists and winners from a large pool of nominees. Presented by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Professional Services Council (PSC) for the past 15 years, the Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ winners are announced at an evening gala, which has been dubbed the "Academy Awards of Government Contracting." This unique networking event draws more than 1,000 industry and government leaders.

About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce: The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber), The Voice of Business in Northern Virginia™, is the preeminent Northern Virginia membership organization for businesses to grow through relationship building and partnership engagement throughout the Greater Washington region. 700 organizations and 500,000 employees strong, the Northern Virginia Chamber is the largest chamber of commerce in Northern Virginia and has been working hand-in-hand with regional businesses, government, and academia to build a robust and innovative business community for more than 90 years. To learn more about the Northern Virginia Chamber, please visit <http://www.novachamber.org> and follow the Northern Virginia Chamber on Twitter: [@NOVAChamber](https://twitter.com/NOVAChamber) and [@NOVAChamber CEO](https://twitter.com/NOVAChamber_CEO).

About PSC: PSC is the voice of the government technology and professional services industry. PSC's more than 400 member companies represent small, medium and large businesses that provide federal agencies with services of all kinds, including information technology, engineering, logistics, facilities management, operations and maintenance, consulting, international development, scientific, social, environmental services, and more. Together, the trade association's members employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in all 50 states. Follow PSC on Twitter at [@PSCSpeaks](https://twitter.com/PSCSpeaks). To learn more, visit www.pscouncil.org.