

(U) PM NV/RSTA Receives the 2009 Top 5 DoD Systems Engineering Program Award.

(U) (SFAE-IEW&S-NV) On September 9, 2010 the Project Manager, Night Vision/Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition (PM NV/RSTA) received notification that its Base Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance System-Combined (BETSS-C) Program was selected to receive the 2009 Top 5 DoD Systems Engineering Program Award. The Award recognizes the top five (5) programs within the DoD that demonstrate successful implementation of systems engineering best practices resulting in program success. BETSS-C, the US Central Command's (CENTCOM) number two priority (only behind Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles), leverages existing sensors and new technologies to deliver an integrated view of situational data, thereby improving the accuracy and breadth of situational awareness in theatre and saving lives. The systems engineering effort required to successfully integrate BETSS-C's five sensor systems was complex and extensive, and was required to be completed within a very aggressive timeline (approximately one year). In particular, the Award's evaluation team identified BETSS-C's comprehensive concept of operations (CONOPS), as well as PM NV/RSTA's control of system requirements, comprehensive risk management, use of peer reviews, and focus on reliability as clear indicators of engineering excellence. PM NV/RSTA will receive the Award at the NDIA Systems Engineering Conference Award Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, in San Diego, CA. The point of contact for this effort is Linda R. Herbert; 703-704-3450; email: linda.r.herbert@us.army.mil. PREPARE MEMO.