

Department of Defense

George Linsteadt Technology Transfer Achievement Award

Background:

The Department of Defense George Linsteadt Technology Transfer Achievement Award recognizes Department of Defense (DoD) Federal employees who have made significant accomplishments in support of the DoD technology transfer (T2) Program. The Linsteadt Award distinguishes outstanding efforts made in support and execution of T2 partnerships that aid in migrating new technologies into or out of the DoD, promote technology commercialization, and license patented government inventions, bringing credit to the DoD at the federal or state level, as well as in the private sector.

The Linsteadt Award honors significant efforts comparable to those of Mr. George Linsteadt and other U.S. Government professionals who developed the federal T2 process. Mr. Linsteadt was a pioneer of T2 at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) China Lake Weapons Division and a promoter of T2 for laboratories in seventeen Federal departments and Agencies. Mr. Linsteadt and other T2 professionals initiated the DoD T2 consortium which later expanded to become the Federal Laboratory Consortium for T2. The recipient of the award embodies the vision and spirit of Mr. Linsteadt and all those who pioneered DoD T2.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize T2 professionals, individuals or teams, and their specific achievements in T2 within the last four (4) fiscal years. The award is not intended to be a career award but is meant to recognize and celebrate a T2 success or innovation. Appreciation of these successes and innovations advances recognition of individuals' service in the T2 community, increases understanding and appreciation of T2, and helps to increase the activities and impact of T2.

In DoD, T2 is defined as the intentional sharing of knowledge, expertise, facilities, equipment, and other resources that benefit the DOD and/or non-DOD entities (DODI 5535.08). It includes:

- Spin-out activities demonstrating the commercial viability of the DoD-developed technologies including those that result in spin-in, back to the DoD as part of a contractor-delivered DoD system,
- Spin-in activities demonstrating the national security utility of technologies developed outside DoD, and
- Dual-use science and technology that develops technologies having both defense and non-defense applications.

I. Eligibility Criteria

1. Nominees must be Military or DoD employees directly responsible for T2 or T2 process improvements, working as a T2 professional, technologist, legal expert, etc. Nominees may be T2 professionals, managers, technologists, principal investigators, legal counsel, and others whose primary function is to promote and perform duties related to DoD T2. Contractor(s) may be a part of the nominees' team.
2. The nominated achievement activity must have taken place within the previous four (4) fiscal years (FY).
3. The award-winning individual or team is not eligible for consecutive year awards.
4. The award-winning individual or team must be eligible to attend the upcoming DoD Technology Transfer and 2 Transition Workshop/Laboratory Quality Enhancement Program-Technology Transfer (LQEP-T2) meeting.

II. Award Criteria

1. The nominated individual or team is deemed responsible for the highlighted T2 activity. T2 activities feature application of one or more of the tools of T2, such as Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA), Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIA), Education Partnership Agreements (EPA), Patent and License Agreements (PLA), Software License Agreements, or other T2 mechanisms.
2. The T2 activity was a cooperative effort whose participants included, in addition to the nominee's own lab, at least one or more of the following:
 - a) Other DoD components
 - b) Other Federal Agencies or departments
 - c) State or local government entities
 - d) Colleges or universities
 - e) Non-profit entities
 - f) Commercial entities
 - g) Individuals
3. As a result of the effort/initiative, the T2 activity has brought significant tangible benefits to:
 - a) The origination laboratory or component
 - b) The Department of Defense
 - c) Other federal, state, or local government organizations
 - d) The private sector
4. The nominee or nominated team demonstrated exceptional forethought, creativity, and initiative regarding possible innovative applications during the T2 process. The

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nomination must detail how the effort was above and beyond the normal course of work or how the effort achieved remarkable and unusual success.

5. The nominated individual or team demonstrated outstanding teamwork and interpersonal skills with all members involved in the process (i.e., technical persons, lab management, partners, and legal staff).

III. Nomination Procedure

An announcement requesting nominations listing the criteria and eligibility for the award and establishing a deadline for submissions of nominations will be made annually. Nominations for the award may be made by any current DoD Laboratory or Program Director for any T2 effort which meets the eligibility and award criteria as described in sections II and III. The term “Laboratory Director and Program Director” is defined as the head of the laboratory or Component T2 Program Manager. Self-nominations are permissible if they are submitted through the DoD Laboratory Director or Program Director.

1. The nominations should be in the format described in the Submission Procedure Section VI, the Nomination Form, and the Supporting Narrative Information Form included in this package.
2. Submissions improperly completed or submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
3. The nomination form is to be signed by the DoD Laboratory or Program Director.

Assistance maybe available from TechLink to prepare nominations. TechLink will also provide support for the Award Review Board as needed. To receive more information or contact a representative of TechLink, please e-mail them at awards@techlinkcenter.org.

IV. Submission Procedure

A complete submission will include an electronic copy of the nomination form either PDF or Word Document, PDF version of signed forms, and a PowerPoint version of the quad chart.

The completed nomination package is to be e-mailed to: osd.pentagon.ousd-r-e.mbx.dod-dlo-t2@mail.mil

Call for Nominations for the 2024 Department of Defense George F. Linsteadt Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer is **open from Friday, April 5, 2023, through 5:00pm Friday, June 28, 2024**; All GL nominations submitted to OSD by Friday, June 28, 2024 5:00pm EST to osd.pentagon.ousd-r-e.mbx.dod-dlo-t2@mail.mil. Nominations must be submitted with the subject line, “FY2024 Linsteadt Award Nomination for (nominee’s name).” The award winner will be announced in November 2024.