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## WORTH REPEATING

“ Let us renew our commitment to all those who serve in our defense—our courageous men and women in uniform and their families and all those who protect us here at home. Mindful that the work of protecting America is never finished, we will do everything in our power to keep America safe.”

— **President Barack Obama**, showing his admiration and pledging his unwavering support of the armed forces at the 9/11 ceremony at the Pentagon Memorial



*General Dynamics Information Technology/Daniel Butrick*

During the opening of the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center, Jordanian special operations forces conducted simultaneous entry via fastrope and ground insertion into the five-story KASOTC shoot house.

## PEO STRI Helps Build Allied Partnerships through Training

By Sgt. Maj. David Lanham, *Senior Enlisted Advisor*, & Lt. Col. Rod Aleandre, *Assistant Product Manager for Digitized Training*

Since the inception of the U.S., we have always maintained alliances with other nations. Alliances have shaped every armed conflict in our nation's history. In some cases, we were the primary benefactors of our allies. For example, our alliance, both economically and militarily, with France was instrumental in securing our independence from Great Britain. During other conflicts, such as the El Salvadoran Civil War in the 1980s, we assisted an ally to support our national objectives.

In today's contemporary operational environment, strengthening our alliances and partnerships

with other nations is as critical as ever. Our allies often possess critical regional knowledge and skills that we cannot replicate. The 2008 National Defense Strategy charges our Armed Forces to strengthen and expand our alliances and partnerships through support, training, advising and equipping our allies to counter the full spectrum of threats. The Department of Defense has a range of programs in place to support these goals, to include Foreign Internal Defense activities, such as exchanges or exercises, to Security Assistance Activities, such as Foreign Military Sales and Foreign Humanitarian Assistance.

Activities such as these serve to enhance mutual goals and promote further cooperation between the United States and our allies.

Jordan is one such ally in the U.S.' efforts to counter terrorism. In a testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on April 1, 2009, General David H. Petraeus, commander of the U.S. Central Command, said, "Jordan participates in many regional security initiatives and has placed itself at the forefront of police and military training for regional security forces. In addition to its regular participation in multilateral

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# STRI'S SUMMER "VACATION" ALBUM

By Kristen Dooley McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer

**1. DII Accreditation:** Dr. Jim Blake, program executive officer for PEO STRI, accepted the Federated Net-Centric Sites accreditation June 5 from Joan Smith, director of Joint Integration and Interoperability in the Army Chief Information Office.

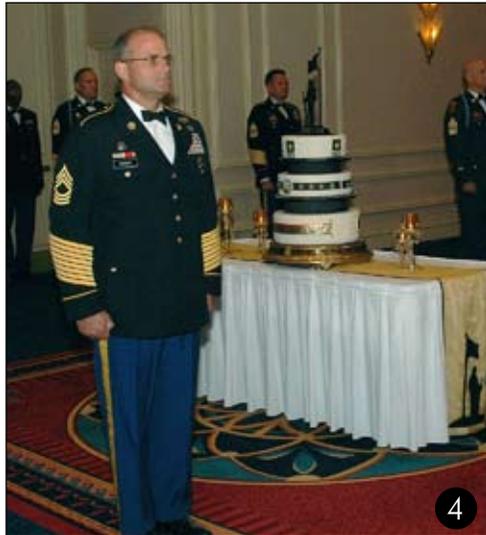
**2. Col. Lockhart Departs:** Col. David Lockhart, former project manager for Instrumentation, Targets and Threat Simulators, departed PEO STRI May 29. Before becoming PM ITTS, Lockhart served as the deputy program executive officer. He is now the chief-of-staff for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition Logistics and Technology).

**3. Lt. Gen. Thompson Visits:** Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition Logistics and Technology) visited PEO STRI Aug. 4. During his visit, he met with PEO STRI's military during "breakfast with the boss," toured the Acquisition Center, stopped in to meet the Acquisition Academy interns and attended the Town Hall Meeting.

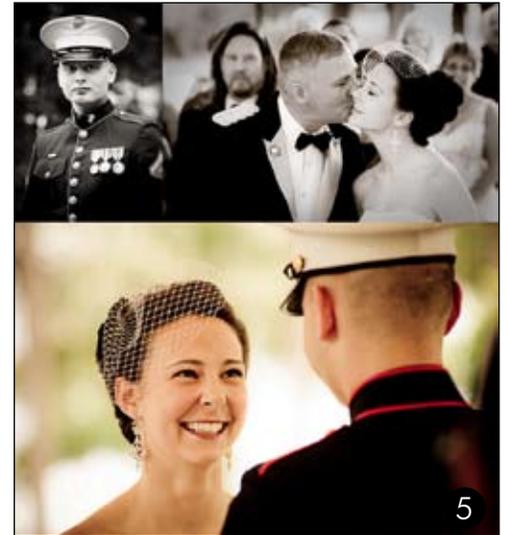
**4. Army Ball:** PEO STRI, in conjunction with the Association of the United States Army Sunshine Chapter, hosted the annual Army Ball June 13 to celebrate the 234th birthday of the U.S. Army. Throughout 2009, the Army recognized the non-commissioned officer corps for their service. During the ball, NCOs were honored in a variety of ways to include presenting the birthday cake.

**5. Wedding on the Installation:** The Naval Air Warfare Training Systems Division installation hosted its first wedding ever. Col. Ken Wheeler's daughter, Jamie Wheeler, married Marine Lance Cpl. Robert Conniff May 23.

**6. Fort Lewis Award:** PEO STRI's Medical Simulation Training Center at Fort Lewis, Wash., was presented the Corporal



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Courtesy Photo

Angelo Vacarro U.S. Army EMS Top Medical Training Site Award May 4 at the 68W conference in San Antonio, Texas.

**7. PIII Groundbreaking:** State and local government officials, faculty from the University of Central Florida, and Team Orlando military leaders participated in the Partnership III groundbreaking ceremony July 10. The building, set to open in the fall of 2010, will house divisions of PEO STRI.

**8. Home at Last:** Col. Ken Wheeler, deputy program executive officer, and other STRI personnel attended the groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 1 for the Home at Last II project in Oakland, Fla. The project, sponsored by the West Orange Habitat for Humanity, will provide a home for a Central Florida Wounded Warrior and his family.

**9. Col. Pulford Promoted:** Col. Scott Pulford was promoted from lieutenant colonel June 1.

**10. CDT Pentagon Event:** A team from the Project Manager Combined Arms Tactical Trainers exhibited the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle Common Driver Trainer June 10-12 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The event attracted many senior Army officials, including Pete Geren, secretary of the Army, and Gen. Pete Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army. As pictured, Gen. Chiarelli tests out the MRAP CDT while a sergeant first class from Fort Knox, Ky., walks him through the demonstration.

**11. Iraqi Army Graduation:** Project Manager Field Operations provided training support to the First Iraqi Army Armor class with the M1A1 Conduct of Fire Advanced Gunnery Training System simulator. The class graduated in May 2009. ■



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## Other EVENTS

Lt. Col. Pat Connors departed PEO STRI, **MAY 11**

Guy Richards retired from PEO STRI, **MAY 29**

Army beat Navy in SHAPE softball game, **JUNE 4**

Webster MBA graduation took place, **JUNE 12**

Lt. Col. Robert Hribar joined ASA(ALT), **JUNE 26**

Maj. Frank Bridges departed PEO STRI, **JUNE 26**

Betsy Leon retired from PEO STRI, **AUGUST 19**

# COLLABORATION: A KEY TO SUCCESS

By Jessica P. Jones, *Defense Technical Information Center*

The Department of Defense (DoD) embraced the Web 2.0 evolution and launched its own wiki site – DoDTechipedia. This online collaborative encyclopedia for the science and technology community is similar to Wikipedia.

With its launch in October 2008 as a joint project among many DoD agencies, DoDTechipedia aims to foster communication and collaboration with greater transparency among DoD scientists, engineers, the acquisition community, and operational Warfighters.

“The tool enables DoD personnel to collaborate on technological solutions, reduce costs, add capability and avoid duplication. DoDTechipedia aids in the rapid development of technology and

the discovery of innovative solutions to meet critical capability needs and gaps,” states Christopher Thomas, Defense Technical Information Center chief technology officer.

DoDTechipedia is available to DoD, federal government employees and their in-house service support contractors with a Common Access Card (CAC) or DTIC registration (<https://register.dtic.mil/wobin/WebObjects/RegLite?SiteID=Wiki>). Although this wiki site limits access, it contains unclassified information only. A classified version of DoDTechipedia is also available for SIPRNet users to collaborate in a secure environment.

DoDTechipedia is a collaborative effort and every contribution

counts to ensure this collective knowledge base expands. Users are encouraged to participate by creating a page, asking a question, starting a blog or posting events relative to their organization or area of expertise on the site. “Gardening,” performing small edits on wiki content to improve its overall quality and helping cultivate interaction and participation within the community of users, is also encouraged.

To get started, visit <https://www.dodtechipedia.mil> and com-

plete the short registration process. Have no fear if wikis are a new concept to you; help is available. Tutorials are posted on the site to aid you with each aspect of getting started. Hands-on training sessions are offered in several formats including an online webinar.

If you are interested in attending a workshop or webinar, contact Jessica Jones with Defense Technical Information Center Marketing at (703) 767-8216 or [marketing@dtic.mil](mailto:marketing@dtic.mil). ■



# LET'S TALK FINANCE: NO SMALL NUMBER

By Michele Gentile, *Acting Associate Chief Financial Manager – Programs*

In the president's message to the nation on the 2010 budget, he continues to stress his platform on “change” by proposing a new path for the country. A large part of this path includes the Army and how we will be conducting business in the future—starting now!

The president said he hopes to create better economic conditions via various types of legislation, to include the budget. We have already seen one major piece of legislation pass with a large price tag, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for \$7.4 billion. This is only a very small slice of what's coming down the pipes. Congress received a supplemental budget request from the administration on April 9, 2009 that requested \$83.4 billion in funding. The Army needs this mon-

ey to support current programs as 95 percent of the request is to support the military.

Here are a few tidbits included in the supplemental request, that if approved, will come to the Army: \$737 million in support of research, development, test and evaluation, \$8.1 billion for other procurement, \$14.1 billion for operations and maintenance, and \$10.2 billion to support our active duty and retired service members as part of the Military Personnel Army appropriation. Looking at these large sums, one would think that the Army has enough money to accomplish its goals for fiscal year 2009. Unfortunately, the Overseas Contingency Operations absorbs a large percentage of the Army's resources, which leaves the Army with less fund-

The 2010 proposed budget is a four percent increase over the 2009 enacted budget, currently totaling \$533.7 billion to support operations in fiscal year 2010. The challenge the Army faces with this budget is the management of Overseas Contingency Operations costs, which has been addressed separately in supplemental appropriation bills in the previous years. The recent supplemental funding request of \$83.4 billion will be the last supplemental sent to Congress, according to the new administration. The Army will have to budget smartly up front to avoid running out of money toward the end of the fiscal year.

When dealing with a strained budget, the Army tends to allocate funds to those who execute well. A feasible and accurate

spending plan is even more important in the upcoming fiscal environment. PEO STRI is poised to respond to new and more intense scrutiny of obligations and disbursements across all funding streams. Quick and precise responses will help protect the products and services we provide to the Warfighter.

Even though it seems a plethora of funding may come our way, this is not necessarily the case. Keeping priorities up-to-date and justified in preparation for possible funding shortfalls is imperative. In the absence of a separate 2010 supplemental appropriation, funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Army. We must remember that no matter when or where the funding falls, we must work together to support the nation and the Warfighter. ■



al training exercises, Jordan promotes regional cooperation and builds partner capacity through its King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center.”

On May 19, 2009, King Abdullah II of Jordan officially opened the 1,235 acre King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) located approximately 20 miles outside of Amman, Jordan, which made the goal of strengthening regional cooperation a reality.

The KASOTC is a state-of-the-art special operations forces training center with the capability to provide SOF units an environment to enhance their operational capabilities. It includes multiple indoor and outdoor shooting ranges, bays for explosive, mechanical, and ballistic breaching, a fully instrumented urban operations facility, a five story live fire shoot house, vehicle mock-ups, a driver’s training course, classroom facilities, and an Airbus AC300 aircraft located on an airport tarmac complete with a control tower. The KASOTC complex provides one location for coalition forces to train on common ground and learn from each other’s real life operational experience.

The KASOTC, which is owned and operated by the Jordanian government, is outfitted with the most durable technology and built to meet U.S. technical and safety standards, as well as equipped with high-tech MOUT training devices currently used by the U.S. Army. This attention to detail provides the coalition Warfighter with the most realistic training possible.

The KASOTC project was initially planned in May 2002 by Abdullah II with the first draft plans formulated within the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and subsequent funding from the U.S. being solicited beginning in 2003. Two years later, the U.S. Congress allocated funds necessary to complete the design and outfit the facility. Aggressive development

and construction began shortly thereafter by the project’s primary partners: the Jordanian government, the U.S. Special Operation Command Central (SOCCENT), the U.S. Army PEO STRI, and the U.S. Corps of Engineers-Transatlantic Program Center.

The KASOTC was designed in response to the emerging threats and unpredictable nature of the current international security environment. The facility meets the special operations training needs of the Jordanian Armed Forces, other Jordanian governmental and private security organizations, and is open to coalition partners. It is also intended to:

- Strengthen a key U.S. ally and demonstrate U.S. commitment to the Kingdom of Jordan,
- Support Jordan as an “anchor state” that contributes to regional security,
- Support the Office Security of Defense Security Cooperation Guidance objectives to enhance regional cooperation, interoperability, and building partner nations’ counterterrorism capability for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO),
- Enhance consequence management and civil defense capabilities of OCO partners, and
- Provide U.S. forces and our Coalition partners’ access to a secure, world-class, state-of-the-art training center.

Specifically, the facility’s scope and magnitude will shape units for success in current strategic and operational environments. This is particularly important as homeland and deploying forces face increasingly more adaptive and intelligent combatants. KASOTC’s intent is to hone the full spectrum of individual and collective urban tactics, techniques and procedures to ensure KASOTC-trained forces maintain the highest possible urban readiness advantage over potential adversaries.

As a coalition regional training hub, KASOTC is fostering a greater appreciation and un-

derstanding of host nation and partner capabilities. The center facilitates rapport building with the local populace and law enforcement as forces deploy into areas of conflict. This peacetime engagement will shape multinational teams for greater success in urban conflict.

In addition to the spectrum of direct action operations, KASOTC can support a multitude of real-world exercise scenarios to include:

- Natural disaster and serious incident consequence management,
- Weapons of mass destruction,
- Airport, port security, border crossing and check point security,
- Building and vehicle searches,
- Explosive ordinance disposal,
- Improvised explosive devices-security planning and management, and
- Tactical combat casualty care.

Current operations reinforce the fact that combat in urban areas is highly intensified and complex. KASOTC delivers this realism by using computer controlled ranges that integrate specialized targetry, video and audio systems, and battlefield effects simulators. There are more than 450 cameras linked to a centralized range operations

center over a fiber optic network that affords units the ability to observe, monitor, and capture ongoing training.

The integrated instrumentation embedded in this equipment plays a large part in the success of military training readiness and improving safety. Integrated instrumentation improves training fidelity and realism by providing the capability to infuse urban and range training environments with realistic conditions, controlled by operator workstations and digitally recorded for play back in the after action review.

The special effects employed to mimic realistic conditions include targetry, smoke, sounds and smells. The KASOTC environment permits the Soldier to practice mission essential tasks in a stressful environment and commanders to assess mission readiness of their units and design training to overcome the identified shortcomings.

Healthy regional cooperation and strong alliances have proven their worth on today’s battlefield. Maintaining and strengthening these partnerships is a key tenet of our national security strategy. For the special operations community, KASOTC will help make this a reality. ■



*General Dynamics Information Technology/Daniel Buttrick*

Jordanian special operations forces conducted a training event by entering the Airbus A300 aircraft during the grand opening of the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center in May 2009.

# STRI WELCOMES 3RD A2 CLASS

By Kristen A. McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer



Name: Jean Burmester, dean  
Hometown: San Jose, Ca.  
Education: B.S., Rollins College, and M.B.A., Florida Institute of Technology  
Previous work experience: director, ADL Co-Lab; senior project director, AVCAIT

Currently underway, PEO STRI's third Acquisition Academy class provides an introduction to the federal government for 14 new interns. The 11-week course started July 20 and wraps-up the beginning of October. Only halfway through the coursework, the interns already experienced a handful of exciting opportunities including a trip to Fort Benning, Ga.

"Hands-on activities, like the trip to Fort Benning, allow the interns to get a taste of life in the Army. It also lets them see our

training and simulation devices being used to train Soldiers," said Jean Burmester, dean of the Acquisition Academy. "The trip helps them to realize just how important our work is here at STRI."

Not all the coursework is as entertaining as the trip to Fort Benning, however. Interns received training on government benefits, how to correctly report time and attendance, and how to use the Defense Travel System. They also had ethics training, an orientation from their functional career representative and information on the National Security Personnel System.

The interns acknowledge that gaining information on the less amusing aspects of federal employment is also important.

"I feel extremely grateful that we have been given this opportunity to learn from various experts prior to being submerged into the 'alphabet soup' world of the Army," said Michelle García Gómez, an electronics engineer intern.

Furthermore, the interns are becoming familiar with the PEO STRI mission, its strategic plan and the role of each of the project managers. They are being taught about Army organizations, installations, ranks and how the Army

is structured.

"[A2 has offered me] a better understanding of how PEO STRI fits into the big picture of the Army and how my position will contribute to the overall mission," said Baley Conover, a contract specialist intern.

On top of everything else, the interns are also receiving specialized training in each of their functional areas whether it is engineering, budget and program analysis, acquisition logistics, program management or contracting.

As one student points out, the training will help the interns become contributing members of the PEO STRI workforce upon graduation from the Academy: "I hope to get up to speed fast and jump in with both feet into the acquisition logistics world. I want to immediately be an integral part of PEO STRI," said Nathan Kraemer, a logistics management intern.

Overall, the 14 interns unanimously agree that A2 offers an optimal opportunity to begin a career with the federal government. "We have been fortunate enough to obtain both classroom and hands-on training in our various career fields," said Jakki Gaudio, a program analyst intern. "The Academy has also allowed us to network with previous A2 interns



Name: Susan Abascal  
Hometown: Oviedo, Fla.  
Education: B.S. in finance, University of Florida  
Previous work experience: Student  
A2 Track: Contract specialist



Name: Michelle García Gómez  
Hometown: Deltona, Fla.  
Education: Bachelor of mechanical engineering, University of Central Florida  
Previous work experience: Undergraduate researcher, UCF NanoScience Technology Center  
A2 Track: Electronics engineer

as well as experts in each of the different professions here at PEO STRI." ■

## A Word from the INTERNS

"It is nice to come to work every day and know that everyone around you is passionate about what they do and who they support. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to come and speak with us."

**Susan Abascal,**  
contract specialist intern

"The program is a great way to introduce new employees to PEO STRI."

**Megan Allums,**  
budget analyst intern

"The best part of the Academy has been building friendships and trust with my fellow A2 classmates."

**Michael Craven II,**  
electronics engineer intern

"I hope to continue to gain knowledge and experience as well as face any challenges in order to help support our Warfighters."

**Danielle Genaro,**  
electronics engineer intern

"Every day we learn something new and useful to our career paths. The entire group has learned a lot from the Academy

and from each other."  
**Casey Inkpen,**  
program analyst intern

"Great people have given up their time to help us understand the mission of PEO STRI and how everything fits together. I am very excited for the opportunity to be a part of the team."

**Ron Inmon,**  
project director intern





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 A2 Track: Budget analyst



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 Previous work experience: Retail  
 A2 Track: Electronics engineer



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 Previous work experience: Student  
 A2 Track: Electronics engineer



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 Previous work experience: Student engineer at NASA Dryden Flight Research Center  
 A2 Track: Electronics engineer



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 A2 Track: Program analyst



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 A2 Track: Project director



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 Education: B.S. in marketing, minor in military science  
 Previous work experience: Army Reserves intelligence officer (current), Navy-active duty, Army Reserves civil affairs specialist, UCF intern with Lockheed Martin  
 A2 Track: Logistics management specialist



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 Education: B.A. in business administration, University of South Florida  
 Previous work experience: Intern at a recruiting firm  
 A2 Track: Contract specialist



Name: Bobby Verica  
 Hometown: Melbourne, Fla.  
 Education: B.S. in financial economics, University of Central Florida  
 Previous work experience: Teacher's assistant at UCF  
 A2 Track: Program analyst



# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ACQUISITION SUPPORT: THE INS-AND-OUTS OF STOC II

By Cory Youmans, PEO STRI Customer Support Group

The STRI Omnibus Contract is the PEO's primary contract vehicle for procuring training and testing modeling and simulation products. It is a multiple-award, indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract structured to allow PEO STRI to acquire the full-spectrum of simulation, training, modeling, test and instrumentation products to support Warfighter needs.

The ceiling and Period of Performance (PoP) for STOC I were \$4 billion and eight years, respectively. Under STOC I, the PEO had four domains or lots (live, virtual, constructive and test) with roughly eight to 12 prime contractors in each lot

(some primes overlapped having multiple lot awards). As the bright lines between the live, virtual and constructive domains blurred, the PEO consolidated STOC I into a single scoped domain roughly four years ago, leaving STOC I with 30 primes at the end of its PoP.

STOC I was largely Orlando-centric, primarily designed to support Army product procurements, had no provision for overt small business set-asides or services, and was intended to support Department of the Army mission or non-system training device product lines.

STOC II has a much higher ceiling of \$17.5 billion spread over a 10 year PoP. STOC II

has an enhanced single scope that addresses the PEO's evolving charter. It covers the full-spectrum of training and testing product procurements and service support, to include the Army, Department of Defense, federal, state and local governments, and foreign governments when properly documented.

It has a single scope, but two lots: one for full and open competitions and one for small business set-asides. It has an expanded number of primes with 119 companies in the full and open lot (56 small businesses and 63 large businesses) and 83 companies in the small business set-aside lot (56 small businesses have awards in both lots).

The broad array of providers on STOC II enhances STRI and customer competitive access to a significant breadth of varied primes without incurring pass-through fees. It also moves the PEO forward in its evolution toward more customer-supported requirements vice the traditional non-system training devices.

The PEO's growth in product acquisition continues to outpace the expansion of the workforce that must support it. This growth, when coupled with the greatly expanded number of STOC primes, mandates that PEO STRI changes its implementation paradigm in order to be successful. To this end, the Acquisition Center and the Customer Support Group, in coordination with the Project Managers and PEO staff, have elected to use the broad-discretion afforded indefinite-delivery, indefinite quantity contracts under the provisions of FAR Part 16. This is also to the Warfighter's greatest advantage.

The PEO will employ a multi-phased approach to market research, announcing all proposed STOC II opportunities in a Sources Sought Notice on STRI Business Opportunities Portal, complemented by direct notices to the STOC II primes.

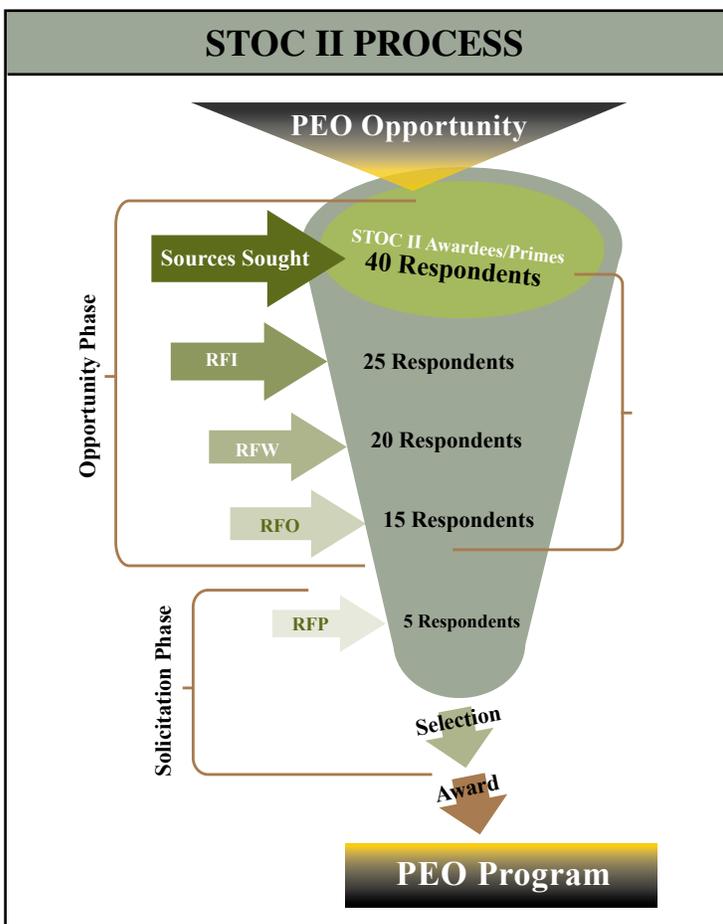
The project director, the opportunity team, the contracting officer and the small business advocates will use the responses to these notices, coupled with ongoing independent market research, to make a lot decision.

The integrated product team and contracting officer, with applicable staff support, will use a Request for Information, Request for White Paper and/or Request for Oral Presentation as part of their market research to select primes for further consideration. The intent of the multi-phased market research approach is to streamline the selection of those primes for further consideration so that those who have a credible and viable potential for providing a solution without wasting the time and money of those that have no probable chance of providing such a solution.

The integrated product team and contracting officer must use simplified factor and evaluation criteria in making a selection for further consideration and the affected prime may appeal a decision to the ombudsman.

When the project director, integrated product team and contracting officer have a pool of credible potential providers, they may truncate the process and proceed directly to releasing the Request for Proposal. As a matter of policy, the team will release one or more draft

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# A NOTE FROM THE RELAY FOR LIFE: STRI HELPS OUT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

To the PEO STRI workforce:

In terms of fundraising, it would be hard to pick a tougher economic year than 2009 or a more affected location than the Geneva-Chuluota region. The local area's rural-residential environment severely limited opportunities for philanthropic sponsorship. Participants from PEO STRI accepted these economic challenges, set ambitious goals and even exceeded them.

The American Cancer Society's fundraising and cancer awareness organization, Relay for Life, was bolstered by volunteers from PEO STRI. Jeff Goodman was the vice chair of the committee. His ideas, commitment and energy were inspiring. On a personal note, it was always good to hear a joke from Jeff when things were getting boring in the committee meetings.

Harry and Teri Sotomayor co-chaired the accounting position, many times counting money into the wee hours of the Relay. Larry Cook, entertainment chair, put together a great agenda of talent. Rick Dunlap, who managed team retention, cooked his famous bar-b-que both at the rally and also as a fundraiser at the Relay event.

Karen Williams and her niece pitched in as committee members at large by baking red elephant and blue donkey cookies sold at the presidential election booths to raise money. They raised more than \$1,500 making them members of the elite Star Supporters group.

Additionally, PM ConSim fielded a team represented by Jeff Goodman, Traci Jones, Rick Copeland, Rick Dunlap, Anne Dunlap, Karen Williams, Scott Welcheck, Phil Davis, Betisa Brown and Colleen Silvey. They were exceptional among the fundraising teams leading in funds raised with more than \$8,500. This was more than 15 percent of the total for the region and it contributed to the activity's threefold increase from 2008.

PEO STRI's contributions in raising funds for cancer awareness were immeasurable.

Regards,

Steve Dix  
Publicity Chair, Relay for Life-Geneva/Chuluota



Jeff Goodman



Rick Dunlap



Jeff Goodman, Karen Williams,  
Harry Sotomayor & Committee

# STRI to Support Army Best Warrior Competition

By Kristen A. McCullough, PEO STRI Public Affairs Officer

The 2009 Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition will take place Sept. 28 through Oct. 3 in Fort Lee, Va. Described as the Super Bowl of Army competitions, 24 of the Army's finest warriors, representing 12 commands, will participate in the competition.

At the request of the Sergeant Major of the Army, Kenneth O. Preston, Soldiers vying for the title of the Best Warrior will use

PEO STRI's Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 as part of the competition.

"Participating in the Best Warrior Competition is an important event for the EST 2000 program because of the high-visibility of the Army-wide competition," said Maj. Thomas H. Nguyen, assistant product manager for Ground Combat Tactical Trainers.

"It's an opportunity to show-

case the EST 2000's ability to rapidly develop custom scenarios as well as highlight the system's relevancy to the operations in theater," he said.

Two unique scenarios were created for the competition. The first situation puts the competitor in a reflexive-fire scenario that emphasizes target identification. The second setting is an escalation of force scenario that focuses on the rules of engagement in Afghanistan.

"The purpose of the escalation of force event is to evaluate the Soldier's proper judgment in either escalating or de-escalating a situation and his shoot, don't-shoot decision-making skills," Nguyen said.

In addition to the EST 2000, competitors will also be using

PEO STRI's Close Combat Tactical Trainer—Reconfigurable Vehicle Simulator. The device trains Soldiers in a realistic convoy environment featuring a 3D view and accurate weapons systems.

Each simulator supports up to five crewmembers: vehicle commander, driver, two crewmembers, and a gunner. The design of CCTT-RVS allows crewmembers the opportunity to dismount the vehicle to engage threats and communicate via simulated voice and digital communications systems, increasing the realism of the simulation.

For more information of the 2009 Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition, visit <http://www.army.mil/bestwarrior/2009/index.html>. ■



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RFPs to those primes under further consideration at any time after the receipt of the Sources Sought Notice and the lot decision. The team uses Letter RFPs and should not include formal Sections L and M (instead, use an Instructions to Offerors Cross Reference Matrix). The project director, integrated product team and contracting officer use Statement of Works, Statement of Objectives or Performance Work Statements supplemented by supporting documents as required.

The project director, integrated product team and contracting officer constrain the proposal process to addressing technical and cost/price solutions. They may request schedule and program management items insofar as they do not duplicate issues addressed and answered in the base contract. Under no circumstances will the project director, integrated product team and contracting officer request

primes provide formal past performance information.

To be successful in using FAR Part 16, the PEO must abide by three overarching principles in dealing with the STOC II primes: provide a fair opportunity to be considered, tell the primes how they will be evaluated, and do what they say they are going to do.

The PEO intends to streamline the workflow cited above using guidelines, templates, examples and automation to assist the workforce in performing its acquisition award process. There is an interim system in place with templates on the STRI Business Opportunities Portal. The operational Contract Opportunity System should be available by the fall of 2010.

For more information, contact Cory Youmans at (407) 384-5234 or [cory.youmans@us.army.mil](mailto:cory.youmans@us.army.mil). ■

## THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STOC I AND STOC II

STOC I	STOC II
Mission Funded Focus	Customer Funded Focus
Extensive Teaming Upfront	Minimal Teaming Upfront
Expensive to Propose	Inexpensive to Propose
Expensive to Evaluate	Less Expensive to Evaluate
Orlando-centric	National Focus
Four Domains	One Domain
No Small Business Set-Asides	Small Business Set-Aside
No Service Support Provisions	Service Support Provisions
Cumbersome Award Process	Streamlined Award Process



# HOLIDAYS Events

**Sept. 18**

Leadership Development Seminar

**Sept. 25**

Adm. Olson, SOCOM Commander Visit

**Oct. 2**

Acquisition Academy Graduation

**Oct. 5-7**

AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition

**Oct. 12**

Columbus Day

**Oct. 16**

Oktoberfest



By Marge Hadbavny, Protocol Officer

## BLACKBERRY ETIQUETTE

Refrain from using your BlackBerry, or any cell phone or PDA, during a meeting. You might think no one notices you checking your e-mail, but they do. Your lack of focus can be interpreted negatively, damaging your image.



## CITIZEN STRI

“Do you volunteer?  
If so, where and why?”



I coach a youth wrestling program called the Florida JETS. I do it because I believe I can have a positive influence on the lives of the youth in our community and because the sport of wrestling teaches lessons for life—you have to work hard to be successful.

**Tom Coffman, PM TRADE**

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I volunteer with the American Cancer Society and have been for more than five years. I am currently the event chair for the East Orlando Relay for Life and the online chair for Making Strides against Breast Cancer. The American Cancer Society is helping to eradicate the disease as well as make life better for those who are afflicted with the disease.

**Cicely Simmons, Acquisition Center**

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“I’m a Seminole County Planning and Zoning Commissioner. I accepted this appointment because I feel that it’s important to give back to the community.”

**Rob Wolf, PM TRADE**

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I volunteer at my daughter’s school, The First Academy. It allows me to take part in my daughter’s education and for her teacher to have a break for lunch or have additional hands available for special activities.

**Shannon Laegeler, PM ConSim**

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From the event’s inception, I have been volunteering for the Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance that is hosted at the Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island, Fla. It’s a charitable event for hospice. I enjoy participating in an event with such high stature.

**Chris Dunlap, PM CATT**



I volunteer with my family by feeding the homeless at shelters. It instills the pride that we need to help our fellow man. My children get to see that the homeless have needs and they need to be treated with respect even though they are less fortunate than us.

**Joe Moreira, PM Field OPS**

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Want your opinion heard? Answer October’s Question! What precautions are you taking to protect yourself from contracting the N1H1 flu? Send your response to [Kristen.McCullough@us.army.mil](mailto:Kristen.McCullough@us.army.mil) and put Citizen STRI in the subject line.



# Combined Federal Campaign IT'S JUST A TOOL



find a cure

make a difference

plant a tree

help a child

rescue a friend

respond to disaster

save a species



To the world, you may be  
*just* one person... but to one  
person *you* may be the world.



**Volunteer to be a Keyworker**  
Contact Yvette Pue x5199

**October 1 - December 3, 2009**

## Hails and Farewells

### Hails

**Hector Colon**  
PSG

**Miriam Donato**  
PSG

**Glynn Vincent**  
BOO

**Joseph Sottolare**  
PSG

### Farewells

**Richard Clark**  
Acq. Center

**Jean Bettner**  
BOO

**Ted Perryman**  
DASC



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