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## Best of the Best

**2014**  
**Cogswell**  
**Recipients**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**T**his issue of ACCESS features a lengthy section on the DSS support to NCMS and the presentation of the 2014 James S. Cogswell Awards. This annual NCMS training is one of the largest and most important events DSS supports each year. We had many subject matter experts from across the agency provide training sessions during the week as well as employees attend the training sessions to advance their professional development. With over 1,500 security professionals in attendance, it was a perfect opportunity to share information, network and learn from each other.

In addition, the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE) and the San Antonio Field Office were both recognized by NCMS for their support to the industrial security community. CDSE received the 2014 Donald B. Woodbridge Award of Excellence, which is presented to organizations in recognition of excellence in the general field of classification management and industrial security. The San Antonio Field Office received the NCMS Industrial Security Award, which is presented to organizations whose contributions improve security procedures, practices or policies of national interest. Both awards were well deserved and reflect the DSS embrace of partnership with industry and commitment to excellence.

During the week-long event, we presented the Cogswell Award to 40 facilities. Since I arrived at DSS, the number of companies recognized with a Cogswell Award has increased each year, and this year's group of 40 award recipients was the largest in recent years. I want to again congratulate each of the recipients and thank them for their commitment to the National Industrial Security Program. Several of the recipients have contributed articles on how they achieved the award and offered insights into successful security programs. Their advice is applicable to any organization seeking to establish and maintain a high quality program.

Finally, I draw your attention to the article on the Oklahoma City Memorial and our participation in the annual memorial marathon. This is the first time DSS employees — on their own time — supported the marathon, and I hope this becomes an annual event, just as our attendance at the annual ceremony has. We have an obligation to never forget our colleagues killed in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995. Events such as these serve to keep their memory alive and ensure each DSS employee knows and continues to honor their sacrifice.

Thanks for all you do for DSS and to advance the security of our nation.



# THE BEST OF THE BEST

## DSS Recognizes 2014 Cogswell Recipients

On June 17, 2014, the Defense Security Service presented the annual James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award to 40 cleared contractor facilities. The winning facilities represent the "best of the best," and their security programs stand as models for others to emulate. These 40 facilities represent less than one percent of the over 13,500 cleared contractors in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).

Each year, DSS partners with NCMS to host the Cogswell Award presentations during its annual training conference. This year's training event was the 50th for NCMS. In his remarks announcing the Cogswell winners, Stan Sims, DSS Director, hailed the 50-year milestone, as well as changes in the security environment during that time.

Sims noted that in 1964, IBM rolled out the OS/360, the first mass-produced computer operating system. Using the system, all computers in the IBM 360 family could run any software program. At that time, IBM controlled 70 percent of the computer market worldwide, and Steve Jobs and Bill Gates were still in elementary school.

Today, Sims said that computers — in some form or another — help drive our cars, direct us to work, allow us to download books and newspapers, will be small enough to fit on our glasses, and are taught in elementary school. The prevalence of computers led the Department of Defense (DoD) to establish U.S. Cyber Command, a military command dedicated to strengthening DoD cyberspace capabilities and integrating and bolstering DoD's cyber expertise.

President Barack Obama has declared that the "cyber threat is one of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face as a nation," and that "America's economic prosperity in the 21st century will depend on cybersecurity."

"I share this trip down memory lane to again laud NCMS on this

milestone," said Sims, "but also to set the stage for today's security environment. The environment we face is complex, multi-faceted and immediate.

"The James S. Cogswell award is presented each year to those facilities that have achieved outstanding success in implementing the National Industrial Security Program within their facilities. These are the companies who understand the complexity of the environment I just described," continued Sims. "They go above and beyond the minimum requirements expected of them to serve as



leaders in the community. They are actively positioning themselves to address the next 50 years of change."

Sims noted a steady growth in the number of Cogswell recipients over the past few years:

**2010** — 9 facilities  
**2011** — 17 facilities

**2012** — 26 facilities  
**2013** — 24 facilities

He said the increased numbers show how hard it is to achieve the award and how significant the accomplishment. But the numbers also show it's possible to achieve and that DSS is committed to the award and recognizing deserving companies.

The Cogswell Award was established in 1966 in honor of the late Air Force Col. James S. Cogswell — the first chief of the unified office of Industrial Security. Cogswell articulated the underlying principle of the Industrial Security Program — the need for a true partnership between industry and government to ensure the protection of classified information, materials, and programs.

Sims said, "Partnership with industry is a principle I strongly believe in. It's a principle I have been articulating since I arrived at DSS. Now, it's part of how we do business."

Sims described the Cogswell selection process as rigorous but fair. The process begins with a DSS Industrial Security Representative who nominates a facility. That facility must have achieved two consecutive superior ratings just to be considered in the running for the award.

Of the 13,500 plus cleared facilities, approximately three percent receive superior ratings each year. Two consecutive superior ratings demonstrates a facility's commitment to security over time.

Once nominated, the facility enters an eight month DSS internal review process that includes a National Review Team of DSS Regional Directors and representatives from across DSS who consider each nomination. The National Review Team vets all nominations with 30 external agencies and makes recommendations to DSS senior leadership for a final decision based upon the following criteria:

- Overall security program
- Senior management support
- Security vulnerability assessments
- Security education and awareness
- Facility Security Officer (FSO) and security staff level of experience
- Classified material controls

The 2014 award recipients include a balance of both large and small companies, including two category "AA" facilities. AA facilities are the largest and most complex in the NISP. Sims said that due to their size, AA facilities have more opportunity for error but also more opportunities to excel and go above and beyond the basic requirements of the program.

In closing, Sims said, "I can say that each of these recipients show clear management and corporate commitment for security. The culture of security is very important and clearly present at all of these facilities. But we know and you know, companies don't create excellent programs, people do — the FSOs, the security staffs, the company leadership. Without your commitment and your dedication, your company would not be here today. And it's because of your willingness to be a partner with DSS that we honor you as well as your achievement."

## The 2014 Winners:

DSS is proud to recognize the following recipients of the 2014 Cogswell award:

- **Aerospace Corporation** *Albuquerque, N.M.*
- **Alliant Techsystems, Inc.** *Arlington, Va.*
- **Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC** *Elkton, Md.*
- **Aptima, Inc.** *Woburn, Mass.*
- **Arcata Associates, Inc.** *Las Vegas, Nev.*
- **BAE Systems Information Solutions, Inc.** *Bellevue, Neb.*
- **BAE Systems Land & Armaments L.P.** *Louisville, Ky.*
- **BAE Systems Land & Armaments L.P.** *Arlington, Va.*
- **BAE Systems Technology Solutions & Services, Inc.** *Fort Walton Beach, Fla.*
- **Bechtel National, Inc.** *Reston, Va.*
- **The Boeing Company** *Huntington Beach, Calif.*
- **Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.** *Norfolk, Va.*
- **General Dynamics C4 Systems, Inc.** *Taunton, Mass.*
- **Honeywell International, Inc., Aerospace** *Minneapolis, Minn.*
- **Jacobs Technology, Inc.** *Oxnard, Calif.*
- **L-3 Communications Corporation** *New York, N.Y.*