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MEMORANDUM FOR DEAN, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ROGER W. JONES  
AWARD FOR EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OFFICE

SUBJECT: 2013 Roger W. Jones Award Nomination

I am honored to submit to you the Missile Defense Agency's nominee for the 2013 Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership – Mr. Keith L. Englander, Senior Executive Service (SES), who is assigned as our Director for Engineering. The nomination package is attached to this cover memorandum.

As the senior engineer in MDA's 8,000 member staff tasked with developing and fielding a ballistic missile defense capability for our Nation, Mr. Englander is the most influential member of my senior leadership team. His public service career spans 38 years, and for most of the past three decades he has contributed to protecting our homeland, our allies, and friends overseas against the ever increasing threat of ballistic missile attack. Mr. Englander's technical acumen is unmatched, and his superb leadership in what is arguably the most complex acquisition program in the Department of Defense has made him an outstanding role model for all Senior Executives to emulate.

Mr. Englander has a long and distinguished track record of exceptional performance and inspirational leadership consistent with the highest standards of public service. Through great personal commitment and sacrifice, he has led his engineers during a historically turbulent period in executing BRAC, fielding an initial defensive capability, and establishing a credible ballistic missile defense for the Nation. Throughout these challenges he has been a stalwart proponent for diversity, mentoring, and professional development of our workforce, growing the next generation of technical expertise for MDA and DoD. His leadership influence extends beyond the lifelines of MDA – he has strengthened our senior executive corps through his participation in the Talent and Succession Management process, providing professional development feedback to all Fourth Estate SES members and establishing succession plans for key SES positions.

Mr. Keith Englander has my strongest possible recommendation for this prestigious award. If you have any questions pertaining to this submission, please contact Mr. Jovey Martir, SES Program Manager, at 571-231-8295 or [Jovey.Martir@mda.mil](mailto:Jovey.Martir@mda.mil).

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