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Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership
Office of the Dean
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American University
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NorthWest
Washington, DC 20016-8022

Dear Selection Committee:

I hereby nominate Mr. James F. Geurts for the Roger W. Jones Award. Mr. Geurts exemplifies the qualities and core competencies this award reveres. His superior leadership, selfless service, and unflinching dedication to his career, his country, the U.S. Air Force, and U.S Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) are not only praiseworthy within our community, but also deserving appreciation of his peers in the broader spectrum of public service.

Mr. Geurts has been an enabling and adaptive leader in his career spanning over 22 years. He has exemplified true Special Operations Forces characteristics in achieving results; producing high quality, timely, and cost-effective solutions for the Warfighter; and contributing to the overall security of our Nation. His many accomplishments and numerous "first-ever" achievements in technologically complex, high visibility programs have garnered him a wide-spread reputation within the acquisition community as a technical expert and much sought-after speaker in government, military, and industry.

It is with great pleasure I nominate Mr. Geurts for the prestigious Roger W. Jones Award for 2011—he is truly worthy of this high honor.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Geurts is brilliant,
innovative and tenacious.
Extraordinary by every
measure!*

Eric T. Olson
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander

Enclosures