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Subj: ROGER W. JONES AWARD NOMINATION FOR MR. JAMES SMERCHANSKY

1. Mr. Smerchansky is enthusiastically nominated for the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership. As the Deputy Commander, Systems Engineering Interoperability, Architectures, and Technology for Marine Corps Systems Command, he recognizes and appreciates the importance of strong leadership and that leaders are not born, they are grown. In that tradition, he has contributed to the development and growth of the engineering community within our command. He has participated in programs ranging from outreach to a Department of Defense-affiliated middle school to job fairs that filled vacant technical positions in the workforce.

2. In the name of providing valued warfighting capabilities, Mr. Smerchansky takes a personal interest in the technical endeavors of the command and is thorough in the application of his talents and technical efforts. This benefits the Marine Corps as a whole and Marine Corps Systems Command's acquisition programs in particular. Since coming onboard 18 months ago, he has devoted significant time and effort to leading and chairing technical reviews for high visibility and important acquisition programs and efforts across the command. He keeps a laser focus on satisfying the needs of the warfighter with technical rigor and discipline.

3. Mr. Smerchansky's contributions led the command to achieve greater involvement in the requirements development and transition process, which ultimately will generate more efficient processes and better products for the deployed Marine. His contributions make him worthy of this recognition.

  
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