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Aviation Week Network and its Program Excellence Evaluation Team have selected 18 finalists in a total of seven categories for the 2023 Program Excellence Awards. The winners will be named, and all finalists honored during the annual Program Excellence Dinner and Awards Ceremony, scheduled for November 8 as part of Aviation Week's A&D Programs Conference, at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., happening November 7-8.

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The Program Excellence Awards categories are OEM System Design and Development, OEM System Production, OEM System Sustainment, Special Projects, Supplier System Design & Development, Supplier System Production, and Supplier System Sustainment.

“The Program Excellence Awards celebrate and honor programs that demonstrate excellence in execution across commercial aviation, space and defense around the globe,” said Joe Anselmo, editorial director and editor-in-chief for Aviation Week. “These individuals truly represent the best of the best. The nominations were vetted and finalists were chosen through a rigorous process conducted by a panel of judges made up of aerospace industry leaders. We are honored to recognize these industry standouts and facilitate sharing the lessons learned.”

The Program Excellence Platinum Sponsor is Siemens. The Program Excellence Evaluation Team is Boeing, Collins Aerospace, DAU, Elbit Systems of America, Embraer, General Atomics

Aeronautical, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, MOOG, Northrup Grumman, and Raytheon Technologies.

The finalists by category are:

OEM SYSTEM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Boeing Company

Space Launch System

Dave Dutcher, Director, Airpower Teaming System Global Programs

Embraer

E-99 Modernization

Vanessa Gonçalves, Senior Program Manager

Lockheed Martin

Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW)

Kurt Palmer, Director, Boost Glide Hypersonics

OEM SYSTEM PRODUCTION

Lockheed Martin

Orion

Tonya Ladwig, Vice President for Human Space Exploration & Orion Program Manager

Raytheon

National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) Ukraine

Laura Bear, Program Manager

OEM SYSTEM SUSTAINMENT

The Boeing Company

C-17 Sustainment Program

Dr. Richard A. Gomez, Program Leader

Embraer

Phenom 300E

Simone Gobo Barcellos, Director, Phenom Program Office

General Atomics Aeronautical Systems

India-COCO, MQ9B preproduction HALE-RPA

Mike Connolly, Program Leader

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Boeing Company

Master GMD 9355

Geneen M. Tobey, Program Leader

Honeywell

Agile Implementation Excellence by Honeywell Aerospace Engines and Power Systems

Marlene Sharkey, Senior Program Manager

Lockheed Martin

Rapid Dragon: Palletized Effects Experimentation Campaign

Dr. Deanelle Hidalgo, Deputy Director, Air-to-Ground Missile Systems / Rapid Dragon USAF Program Manager

Dr. Dean Evans, U.S. Air Force Rapid Dragon Program Manager, Air Force Research Laboratory – Strategic Development Planning & Experimentation Office

Northrop Grumman

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Doug Young, Program Manager, Vice President and General Manager

Raytheon

SDPE Air Base Air Defense Experiment

Daniel T. Dyring, Program Director

SUPPLIER SYSTEM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Boeing Company

Spectrolab ISS Solar Power Module Program

Miquelle Milavec, President, Spectrolab

Collins Aerospace

E-2D Distributed Readiness Trainer (D-DRT)

Justin Murgia, Senior Program Manager

SUPPLIER SYSTEM PRODUCTION

Elbit Systems of America

AH-64E Apache Multicore Mission Processor (MMP)

Kevin Hitt, Program Director

SUPPLIER SYSTEM SUSTAINMENT

BAE Systems
F-22 EW Sustainment
Daniel Harrington, Program Leader

Collins Elbit Vision Systems (CEVS)
Zero-G HMDS+™
Bret Tinkey, Bob Hess, Vadim Neimark, Program Directors

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