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MEMORANDUM FOR   ALL GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE PROJECTS

SUBJECT   2002 U.S. Government's Top 5 Quality Software Projects

As the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Software Intensive Systems, I am pleased to announce that *CrossTalk, The Journal of Defense Software Engineering*, will be dedicating its July 2003 issue to the 2002 U.S. Government's Top 5 Quality Software Projects. The aim is to recognize outstanding performance of software teams and to promote best practices. The *CrossTalk* staff is accepting nominations for this honor through 13 December 2002.

To be eligible for this award, projects must have been performed under a government contract (internal government contracts also eligible) and provided a software deliverable to the customer during the period of June 2001 through December 2002 (previous Top 5 winning projects are not eligible). The deliverable may be a completed contract or an incremental deliverable.

The selection of the Top 5 software projects will be based upon the project's adherence to quality and to the contracted cost, schedule, and requirements. The specific nomination criteria, process, and form can be acquired from the *CrossTalk* Web site located at <www.stsc.hill.af.mil/CrossTalk>.

The Top 5 winners will be announced in *CrossTalk's* May 2003 issue and will receive awards at the Software Technology Conference (STC) 2003. Recognition of the Top 5 software projects helps promote best practices that have demonstrated results.

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