



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING  
3040 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-3040

30 JAN 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE PROJECTS

SUBJECT: CrossTalk's Top Five 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 January 2002 issue to the top five software projects in the government. 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 20 July 2001.

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 January 2000 through June 2001. The deliverable may be a completed contract or an incremental deliverable.

The selection of the top 5 software projects will be based upon the projects' adherence to quality and to the contracted cost, schedule, and requirements. Specific nomination criteria, process, and forms can be acquired from the CrossTalk Web site located at <http://www.stsc.hill.af.mil/CrossTalk>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Etter".

Delores M. Etter  
Deputy Under Secretary of Defense  
(Science and Technology)