




*The*  
***United States Coast Guard***  
*Presents a Cash Award*  
*To*  
**Mr. Ervin B. Lawson**  
*In Recognition of*  
***A Special Act***

Mr. Lawson is cited for outstanding and superb performance of duty while serving as the Web Master for the Fourteenth District (D14) Telecommunications Division from June 2011 thru January 2012. Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to support excellence, Mr. Lawson meticulously planned, designed, and executed the \$65K command, control, communications, computers, and information technology (C4IT) renovation of the Executive Conference Room. Consisting of an extensive overhaul of video teleconferencing (VTC), computer, and electrical system upgrades, his efforts significantly improved D14's response capabilities to support the Area Command during natural disasters, National Special Security events, and other consequential operations. His exceptional leadership and technical prowess were critical to identifying a cost-saving solution for an aging secure VTC in the D14 Command Center. Collaborating with personnel from the Seventeenth District and the U.S. Navy, he upgraded key components and saved the Coast Guard \$2.5K while extending system lifecycle. Mr. Lawson's motivation and drive for excellence extends throughout the District. As the information technology expert, he personally guided the selection of and continued support to a much-needed digital sign system for Base Honolulu. While temporarily assigned to Sector Guam, he recognized an operational need for an additional secure VTC system to facilitate Command Center functions between Guam and D14. He immediately secured the second VTC and closely coordinated its installation with TISCOM. The results immediately improved communications and ensured National Security requirements were met. Mr. Lawson's devotion and professional expertise remain invaluable to the District Staff and are in keeping with the core values of our Service.

  
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