



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE  
ON-THE-SPOT CASH AWARD**

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**MR. ERVIN B. LAWSON**

Mr. Lawson is cited for outstanding and superb performance of duty while serving as the implementation project officer for the Centralized Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS) implementation at the Fourteenth Coast Guard District (D14), Honolulu, Hawaii, from April 2012 to May 2012. CENTRIXS, a secure communications suite designed to enhance interoperability with coalition partners in the South Pacific and Oceania, is an unsupported and unfunded system typically designed for shipboard use. As information technology lead, Mr. Lawson was assigned the daunting task of coordinating the complex installation, configuration, and integration of CENTRIXS within the D14 Command Center. With only 40 days to complete the project, no funding, and no local technical support or expertise, Mr. Lawson expertly leveraged his organizational and communications skills to align numerous agencies and vendors to meet this goal. His efforts with the Navy's Pacific Region Network Operations Center, Coast Guard Telecommunications and Information Systems Command, Coast Guard Pacific Area, Coast Guard Thirteenth District, and Juno Technologies were flawless and led to project completion more than a week ahead of schedule. His efforts were instrumental to the successful implementation of CENTRIXS in fewer than seven months, a remarkable achievement considering many information technology and electronic system deployments average between one and two years, and helped save nearly \$41,000. His continued support of District capabilities is greatly appreciated. Bravo Zulu for a job well done.

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Charles W. Ray  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Fourteenth District  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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