



## Logistics Officer Association Guidance Trailblazer Award (G-9)

**1. Award Intent:** The purpose of the Trailblazer Award is to bring recognition to Enlisted, Officer, or Civilian Airmen's innovative ideas and solutions for the Air Force Logistics enterprise. Eligible recipients are any military, government, civilian, academic, small business, or industry partner that has an innovative idea or developed an innovative solution that specifically benefits the Air Force Logistics enterprise. The 2019 Logistics Officer Association Trailblazer Award is being presented in Honor of Maj Gen Marcelite Harris.

### 2. Nomination Criteria:

- Any individual or team from military, government, civilian, academic, or industry that has developed an innovative idea or solution within or supporting the Air Force Logistics enterprise.
- Illustrate the nomination's "**trailblazing character**" by describing how the innovation improved or benefited an aspect of the Logistics enterprise.
- Innovative ideas and solutions can be from any sector or category and include (***not all inclusive***): maintenance, deployment, distribution, transportation, life-cycle logistics, retail or wholesale supply chain management, sustainment planning and delivery/execution, information technology, cyber security, systems research and development, systems testing, resource planning and investment as well as government policy and corporate governance.

### 3. Nomination Guidelines: Each nomination package must contain the following information:

- Complete resume/curriculum vitae **or** a career summary of the nominee (Individual or Team) – **two pages maximum**; with Individual or Team Photo
- Category of Award:
  - Military/Government Individual or Team
  - Academic Individual or Team
  - Industry: Small Business Individual or Team
  - Industry: Mid to Large Individual or Team
- A cover letter describing the innovative solution or idea as it relates to the nomination criteria in **500 words or less** (please refer to the preceding Nomination Criteria for details)
- Photo of the innovative solution or idea, or diagram if applicable
- Nomination package must be unclassified and cleared for public release
- Nominators must include a Public Release Statement, so LOA can publish an abstract of each winner in a LOA Press Release, article in the Expectational Release journal, and during the annual Logistics symposium. If a team award, all team members must sign and agree to Public Release.
- Nominators are requested to deliver their nomination packages in PDF format to [coo@loanational.org](mailto:coo@loanational.org) by 1 July.

While completeness and accuracy are important, nomination packages submitted should be as concise as possible. Nominees may be self-submitted or sponsored by any individual or group of members and any AF logistics organizations, industry partners or LOA chapter. Nominators are requested to ensure that the final nomination package conforms to the nomination guidelines before submitting their nomination package by email to LOA.

**4. Award Categories/Selection:** Selection of the Trailblazer Award recipients will be made by the Small Business Innovation Council (SBIC) comprised of industry and government leaders. LOA's Chief Operations Officer will present SBIC's recommendations of award to the Executive Board for final approval and announcement. Winners will be announced by 1 September via a LOA Press Release and published in a future edition of the Exceptional Release journal. Winners will be recognized during the annual symposium.

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**Approved by the Executive Board, January 2020**