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## **Whyne Honored with Presidential Distinguished Rank Award**

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - Each year, the President of the United States recognizes a select group of career senior executives with the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, a symbol of excellence in public service for those who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity and industry.

Program Executive Officer Conrad F. Whyne, who now leads the Department of Defense's Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program, was among those honored for 2012 achievements.

Whyne was recognized for achievements while serving as Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, where he managed the destruction of more than 4,300 tons of chemical agent and weapons while achieving an Occupational Safety and Health Administration recordable injury rate of 0.77, a rate normally seen in office buildings, not at Army industrial sites storing, transporting and destroying highly hazardous chemical weapons.

Whyne now oversees all aspects of the safe elimination of the remaining U.S. chemical weapons stockpile stored at Army installations in Colorado and Kentucky.

The president has honored leading federal employees with rank awards every year since 1978, when the Senior Executive Service was established. Each year federal agency heads nominate executives from across the government, a citizen panel evaluates nominations, and the president designates the award.

Whyne was one of 46 selected to receive the honor from 6,800 Senior Executive Service members nominated. He received his presidential certificate and pin from Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) Heidi Shyu Nov. 13, 2013.

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Caption: Program Executive Officer, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Conrad F. Whyne received his Presidential Distinguished Rank award certificate from Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) Heidi Shyu during a Nov. 13 event at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.