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O’Hanley Wins Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief Challenge

(Washington, DC) The Center for Technology and National Security Policy (CTNSP), at the National Defense University (NDU), announces that Mr. Harry O’Hanley of Ipswich, Massachusetts, has been selected as the winner of the Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) Challenge that was issued under the America Competes Act. Mr. O’Hanley was awarded a prize of \$10,000 for his entry.

Individuals and organizations were invited to design a kit for use in HA/DR situations. The kit was required to be suitable for initial HA/DR response activities by US Government departments and agencies, as well as by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and foreign governments and would support the immediate needs of first responders to disaster events in terms of providing renewable power generation, water filtration, communications and situational awareness capabilities.

A total of eight submissions were received and were reviewed by an assessment panel comprised of NDU staff and members of the Pre-positioned Expeditionary Assistance Kits (PEAK) project team.

Several of the submissions included innovative components that will be considered for inclusion in other HA/DR systems such as PEAK. Information on each of the components has been added to the Sustainable Technologies, Accelerated Research – Transformative Innovation for Development and Emergency Support (STAR-TIDES) database (www.star-tides.net) so that all members of the HA/DR community can become aware of the available technologies.

For more information about the HA/DR Challenge, please contact Mr. Phil Stockdale at Phil.Stockdale@ndu.edu.

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