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Allied Command Transformation (ACT) is competing this summer against the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) for a highly coveted and prestigious award.

The faceoff between the two organisations will not be judged based on performance on parallel bars, a diving board, or a running track but instead measured by which of the two best contributed to the procurement profession.

The ACT Procurement team, with great effort and teamwork – and in coordination with the Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED) team – submitted a package as a nominee for Best Contribution to the Reputation of the Procurement Profession for the 2012 Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) Award.

"CIPS is a UK-based international organisation working for the purchasing and supply professions whose goal it is to promote good practices, and which provides services for the benefit of the members and for the wider business community", said Kevin Mills, ACT Head of Procurement and Head of the team responsible for the 2012 award submission.

The CIPS Supply Management Award aims to bring attention to activities that contribute to the public good, by best exhibiting by ethical behaviour, philanthropic activity, or by enhancing the profession's reputation. There were 218 entries submitted in various award categories and ACT

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was selected by a panel of independent procurement directors for the shortlist for the Best Contribution to the Reputation of the Procurement Profession award. ACT is in good company, with international organisations such as the BBC, Microsoft, Jaguar Landrover and the Pepsi Co having previously been shortlisted for CIPS awards.

"ACT was one of only two organisations chosen for this award," said Kevin Mills. "This selection is indicative of the importance of the greater C-IED mission and how procurement teams can work closely with their customers to assist in delivering capabilities."



The ACT C-IED project culminated by a recognition that the majority of the 28 NATO member nations lacked the experience and resources to train soldiers in countering these deadly devices, a C-IED Integrated Project Team (IPT) was commissioned by the Supreme Allied Commander Transformation in 2006 to lead the delivery of C-IED doctrine, training, and advice within NATO and NATO member national forces.

The C-IED project led to the NATO C-IED philosophy to establish collective efforts at all levels to defeat the IED system by attacking the networks, defeating the device and preparing the force to reduce or eliminate the effects of all forms of IEDs for use against friendly forces and non-combatants.

"This is an extraordinary achievement for ACT, the procurement division, and the C-IED project," said Kevin Mills. "It is an award that comes only once in a lifetime."

The winner will be announced at the CIPS annual conference on September 12th 2012 and whether ACT is selected for first or second place, gold or silver, it is regarded as a winner either way.