

## Innovative Award Recognition - ACT

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With the focus of this edition of The Transformer on innovation, it would be remiss of me not to address the innovative needs of Allied Command Transformation. As NATO's Transformational Strategic Command, ACT needs to lead the Alliance in innovation. The Headquarters requires innovation. In its basic form this means open minds, the ability to think laterally, and a will to challenge the status quo constructively - what I refer to as "a transformational mindset". Whilst this is a challenge, the results will yield truly transformational results.

This happily brings me to the recent announcement of international recognition of ACT's innovative, transformational, activities. On 12 Sep, ACT was the proud winner of two awards at the 2012 Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) annual conference after winning first place for "Best Contribution to the Reputation of the Procurement Profession" category as well as being selected for the overall prize. The winning project involved three key Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) pillars: strategic and tactical policy development, training and mobile advisory teams, and a stellar demonstration of how procurement teams can work together to deliver highly effective capability. This award showcases how the Alliance and its staff can work together for the greater good of the nations. Enormous congratulations to the procurement team for this innovative achievement and a job extremely well done!

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