

ACT Team Won Top International Prize - ACT

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ACT has won a top international prize – the CIPS Supply Management Award. A team of procurement specialists from the Norfolk-based command won the "Best Contribution to the Reputation of the Procurement Profession" category and also took the overall award of the competition.

"It is a fantastic day for NATO and ACT and particularly satisfying to be acknowledged for contributing to the reputation of the procurement profession", said Kevin Mills, ACT Head of Procurement and Head of the team responsible for the 2012 award submission.

NATO's Allied Command Transformation (ACT) won the award for a project to tackle the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED) – in fierce competition with among others the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOGOC).

The faceoff between the two organisations was not 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 C-IED project recognized 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

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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.

Behind the award is the United Kingdom-based Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS).

See article from the award event on the [CIPS website](#) .

See video-interview with the winning team from NATO [here](#) .