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ECBC wins Women's Equality Day Award

ECBC honored with FWP award for honoring "Women in Science & Engineering"

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) was presented a Federal Women's Program (FWP) Award for Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals on Aug. 23 during the Women's Equality Day Awards Program hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz.

The award recognizes APG employees and organizations that are exemplary in their support of the Department of the Army FWP objective, which is to achieve a civilian workforce in which women are employed at all grade levels and in all occupations equal to the relevant civilian labor force.

Suzanne Milchling, ECBC Director of Program Integration and newly inducted member of the Senior Executive Service, accepted the award with William Klein, ECBC's Associate Director of Engineering.

"I am honored to be here today and accept this award with my ECBC colleague," Milchling shared. "ECBC strives to provide opportunities to excel, and the women in our workforce have taken every opportunity presented and exceeded all expectations."

The Center won the award for its work during National Women's History Month in March 2011. ECBC sponsored a series of events to develop and recognize females in the organization. Activities that month included a leadership panel event, a guest blog series, online discussion forums and a newsletter that was focused solely on "Women in Science & Engineering."

"We are very proud to be here today," said Klein. "We saw there was a need to connect members of our workforce with the knowledge, experience and career lessons of our senior female leaders. We believe this dialogue is the key to bringing out the best in our workforce."

ECBC is a workplace that supports women and their accomplishments. In 2010, 44 percent of the new hires were women, a six percent increase from 2009. Today, women make up one-third of ECBC's workforce offering diverse expertise that enables the Center to cover a full spectrum of chemical and biological research, engineering and operations support for the nation and the warfighter.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the warfighter and for our national defense, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For more information about the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, please visit our website at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil> or call (410) 436-7118.

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William Klein, Gary Martin, Col. Orlando Ortiz and Suzanne Milchling pose with ECBC's FWP Award and Department of Army certificate.