



IDA Team Receives 2019 DHS Under Secretary's Award

ALEXANDRIA, VA (January 2020) – The Institute for Defense Analyses' (IDA's) Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act) project received a 2019 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Under Secretary of Science and Technology (S&T) special achievement award on December 6, 2019.

"This award recognizes the value of IDA's independent, objective, and rigorous analyses in the evaluation of anti-terrorism technologies," said IDA research staff member Laura Itle, Ph.D. who accepted the award on behalf of the IDA team. "It also showcases the contributions of the team in supporting the sponsor's goal to be a model of government excellence. We are proud of the work of each team member in making this task a success and their dedication to the homeland security space."

The award honored the DHS, IDA, and contractor team ManTech for "exceptional effort resulting in concrete results that clearly and measurably further the mission of S&T to a degree deemed worthy of special recognition by the Under Secretary," according to the 2019 Under Secretary's Award Ceremony Program.

Since the task started in 2003, IDA has received the award previously in 2007, 2012, and 2014.

A cross-divisional effort jointly managed by IDA's Operational Evaluation Division and Cost Analysis and Research Division, the SAFETY Act project conducts technical and economic analyses of anti-terrorism products and services, including professional sports stadiums, detection technologies, and software and cyber security solutions. IDA extends congratulations to all members of the team.

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