



Nominations are invited for the **2023 Colonel Rohland A. Isker Award** of the Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, Inc., for an outstanding contribution to national preparedness in the food, equipment, packaging, food service or related areas. A description of the award and eligibility requirements is set forth in the enclosed notice. Nominations must be received to R&DA by **September 29, 2023**.

The Isker Award was established to encourage and to give recognition for outstanding accomplishments by government employees and military personnel that contribute to the advancement of military food, packaging, equipment, and related areas. It bears the name of an individual who made tremendous contributions to the welfare of our Armed Forces during World War II and organized the Armed Forces Subsistence Research & Development Program.

You may submit more than one nomination for this prestigious award. It would be a gratifying achievement for you and your organization should you nominate the candidate who is selected the winner. Suitable public recognition will be given both the recipient and their organization with which they are affiliated when the award is presented at R&DA's 2023 Fall Meeting & Exhibition at the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel & Conference Center in San Antonio, TX on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

You should consider individuals who have years of distinguished service or a single accomplishment. Military and civilian employees are eligible for the award. It clearly demonstrates your pride in the individuals whom you nominate.

If you need any assistance or additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Q. McNulty'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

John Q. McNulty  
GS-15, DoD Civilian, (Ret)  
Executive Director

Enclosure



**NOTICE OF THE 2023 COL. ROHLAND A. ISKER AWARD**  
*For Outstanding Contributions to National Preparedness*  
*In the Areas of Food and Container Research & Development*

I. NATURE OF THE AWARD:

1. The award is known as the ***COL. ROHLAND A. ISKER AWARD***.
2. The award is a certificate or plaque, approved by the Board of Directors, on which is indicated:
  - a. Organization sponsoring award.
  - b. Name of recipient.
  - c. Recipient's place of employment.
  - d. Year the award is presented.
  - e. Nature of recipient's accomplishment.

A memento is presented if the Isker Award is won by a single individual. If the award is won by a team, then suitably engraved plaques shall be given to each member of the team.

II. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD: The award is in recognition of an outstanding contribution to national preparedness in the fields of food, packaging, or containers. This contribution might be in the category of basic research, applied research, developmental endeavor, or process improvement.

III. PERIOD OF THE AWARD: The award will be in recognition of an outstanding achievement recognized or completed during the past twelve months, or for significant achievements over a period of time.

IV. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Military personnel.
2. Civilian employees of the federal government.
3. Personnel of the laboratories of other armed services and other federal government agencies.

V. SELECTION OF RECIPIENT:

1. Nominations:
  - a. Government organizations may make nominations.
  - b. Nominations need be of no particular length but should include sufficient detail of the accomplishment.

- c. Each nomination must be signed by the superior making the nomination.
- d. Please address nominations to Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, Inc. (R&DA), ATTN: Rohland A. Isker Award, 16607 Blanco Rd., Suite 1103, San Antonio, TX 78232.
- e. Nominations shall be received by the R&DA office **no later than September 29, 2023**.

2. Processing of Nominations: R&DA will forward a complete set of nominations to each member of the award committee not later than October 2, 2023.

VI. PREPARATION OF THE AWARD: Upon selection of the recipient, R&DA will prepare an award.

VII. NOTIFICATION: The recipient and nominating individual will be notified privately of the award by the Executive Director, R&DA after October 9, 2023.

VIII. PRESENTATION: The award will be presented at R&DA's 2023 Fall Meeting & Exhibition of the Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, Inc., (R&DA) by the Board Chairman at the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel & Conference Center in San Antonio, TX on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.