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PDES, Inc. Announces 2022 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award Winner

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Darla Nettles Edwards of Liberty Business Associates is the winner of the 2022 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award. Ms. Edwards has been involved in PDES, Inc. since 1990 and has made numerous contributions to the program. This year was particularly challenging due to a significant exodus of talent and an influx of new resources, from General Manager to TAC Chair, to team leads, and team members, many of whom had not met face-to-face

Despite the challenges of the past year, Ms. Edwards exhibited outstanding technical management on the PDES, Inc. Technical Advisory Committee, and (National Institute of Standards and Technology) NIST-funded Limited Length or Area Indicators (LLAI) project while also mentoring the new General Manager, and new TAC Chair, as well as new TAC members and team leaders. Her knowledge of the organization has been invaluable when bringing on new team members, while providing them with crucial support at the same time.

Additionally, Ms. Edwards exhibited outstanding technical management through her contribution to the organizing and variety of projects, while solving problems and bring the best out of each team member. Her attention to detail with expectations while working from a proactive perspective has kept projects on time and streamlined. The support, communication, and selfless encouragement she exhibited has created an environment of success which is evident in her leadership style.

The PDES, Inc. Executive Board established the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award in honor of Brad Rigdon, who served as the first President of the PDES, Inc. Board. The Board presents this award annually to a PDES, Inc. member who has demonstrated superior technical management skills on a PDES, Inc. project.

PDES, Inc. is a member-based consortium focused on the development and implementation of model-based standards to support the digital enterprise. Founded in 1988, the organization includes members from Industry, Government, and Academia. More information can be found at <https://pdesinc.org/>.



*Figure 1 Dr. Michael Jahadi, Lockheed, presents the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award to Darla Edwards, Liberty Business Associates*