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## **GOVERNMENT COMPUTER NEWS ANNOUNCES 2008 AGENCY AWARD WINNERS**

### ***Five Executives of the Year are Also Named***

(FALLS CHURCH, VA., August 18, 2008) — *Government Computer News (GCN)* released the names of ten government agencies whose information technology initiatives are being recognized as the best of 2008. Now in their 21<sup>st</sup> year, the *GCN Awards* recognize federal, state and local government for extraordinary IT accomplishments and significant contributions to the performance of their agencies.

*GCN* also announced the names of five executives who will be honored this year. The *GCN Awards* embody one of the most sought after and respected accolades in government IT, and *GCN's* fall awards gala attracts a perennial "Who's Who" across government and industry.

"Government IT remains a huge and vital market. The annual *GCN Awards* honor innovation and exemplary efforts to use IT to better serve the public and improve agency performance," said *GCN* Editor in Chief Wyatt Kash. "This year's agency winners become part of a tradition of excellence and service. We applaud them and their continued dedication to serving the public sector."

The 2008 *GCN* agency award winners are:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for their PCIT automated certificate process and export data collection system
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for their Information Collection Request, Review and Approval (ICRAS) system
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence - Intelligence Community Enterprise Solutions team for a suite of Intelink services (including Intellipedia, A-Space and the Library of National Intelligence)
- Alabama Department of Homeland Security for their Virtual Alabama geospatial information management system
- U.S. Navy for their Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) program.
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development - Office of Public and Indian Housing for their National Housing Locator System
- U.S. Air Force Material Command - Automatic Identification Office Robins AFB for their Air Force Global Enterprise Tracking (AFGET) system
- U.S. Department of Labor - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management for their GovBenefits E-Gov Program: SSA BEST Customized Connection pre-screening benefits service
- U.S. Environment Protection Agency - Office of Environmental Information for their GeoData Gateway and the EPA Metadata Editor
- General Services Administration - Office of Acquisition Systems for their Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) E-Gov Program

*GCN's* 2008 Executive of the Year award recipients include:

- Civilian: Molly O'Neill, Chief Information Officer, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Defense: Ken Heitkamp, Assistant Chief Information Officer for Life-Cycle Management, U.S. Air Force (AF-CIO/L)
- Industry: Curt Kolcun, Vice President, U.S. Public Sector, Microsoft Corporation
- Hall of Fame: Karen Evans, Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government and Information Technology (IT), Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Hall of Fame: Lieutenant General Charles E. "Charlie" Croom, Jr., former Director, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), and Commander, Joint Task Force - Global Network Operations, Arlington, Va. (retired)

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Award winners will be profiled in the October 20 issue of the magazine and on GCN.com. They will also be honored at GCN's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Gala, Wednesday, October 22 at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C. For more information about this year's winners, or attending/sponsoring the 2008 GCN Awards Gala, visit [www.GCN.com/2008AwardsGala](http://www.GCN.com/2008AwardsGala).

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