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GCN ANNOUNCES 2007 INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS

(FALLS CHURCH, VA., October 11, 2007) — *Government Computer News* released the winners of its 20th annual Innovation Awards in its October 8 issue. The 2007 awards recognize agencies and key individuals across government for the innovative use of information technology to increase efficiency and improve services to citizens, businesses and other government agencies.

"Government IT is a growing and dynamic market. The annual *GCN* Awards honor innovation and exemplary performance in the deployment of IT to achieve results and meet agency missions," said *GCN* Editor in Chief Wyatt Kash. "This year's winners become part of a tradition of excellence and service. We applaud them and their outstanding achievements."

GCN's October 8 issue is dedicated to the 2007 award winners and includes profiles for each agency and executive honored. This year's award winners are:

2007 Program Winners

- US-VISIT& USCG Biometrics at Sea pilot (Department of Homeland Security)
- Fiber-optic networking program (Montgomery Co., MD)
- Court & Law Enforcement Management Information System (Oakland Co., MI)
- NCES Enterprise Services portfolio (Defense Information Systems Agency)
- ESSENCE Epidemic early alert system (Department of Defense/Military Health System)
- Cyber Security Incident Response Center (Federal Aviation Administration)
- Alien Data Services (Defense Intelligence Agency)
- Digital Coast: Legislative Atlas (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Services Center)
- Compliance Data Warehouse system (IRS)
- Electronic Death Registration process (Social Security Administration)
- Federal Docket Management System (Environmental Protection Agency/ eRulemaking Program)
- Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HHS/Centers for Medicare, Medicaid Services)

2007 Executive Winners

- DOD Executive of the Year: General James E. Cartwright, Vice Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff
- Civilian Executive of the Year: John Johnson, Assistant Commissioner for ITS, GSA
- Special Commendation for Government IT Service: Kevin Carroll, Program Executive Officer, Army
- Industry Executive of the Year: Diana L. Gowen, Senior Vice President, Qwest Government Services Division
- Hall of Fame Awards: Ira L. Hobbs, Principal, Hobbs and Hobbs, LLC and former CIO, Treasury; and Steve Kelman, Weatherhead Professor of Public Management at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government

Award winners will be honored at *GCN's* 20th Annual Awards Gala, Wednesday, October 24 at the Hilton Washington & Towers. For more information about the 2007 award winners, or the *GCN* Awards Gala, visit www.GCN.com.

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