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American Council for Technology Selects 2006 INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOLUTIONS AWARD Finalists

Diverse Federal, State, and Local Projects Selected as Award Finalists for Leveraging Technology to Transform Business Processes

FAIRFAX, Va. – April 27, 2006 – The American Council for Technology (ACT) today announced the finalists for the 2006 ACT Intergovernmental Solutions Awards (ISA) from a cross-section of federal, state and local government agencies. Final selections of 2006 ISA Award Recipients will be announced at a ceremony held Monday, June 5th as part of the 26th Annual Management of Change Conference. ISA nominations provided an example of the outstanding progress being made at all levels of government through the innovative use of technology as a tool for more efficient and effective business processes. A committee of government and industry IT professionals selected finalists based on the following program criteria:

- **Intergovernmental and Collaborative** - Involve intergovernmental activities with significant potential to provide new and/or improved information to all citizens. Demonstrate collaboration with other organizations, public and private; Addresses business and technical interoperability issues.
- **Innovative and Effective Use of Technology** - Utilize innovative or emerging technologies to support the agency's mission and achieve extraordinary business value. Describe the specific technology based innovation and its strategic importance to the agency.
- **Business Transformation** - Demonstration of how the solution was applied to fundamentally change the organizations business processes and its ability to deliver its mission. Have at least an operable prototype system by January 31, 2005.
- **Available and Transferable** - Must be available and accessible regardless of economic or disability status. Must be replicable/transportable to other organizations and have widespread national or regional application.
- **Impact and Results** - Demonstrates significant positive impact to the organization and/or its stakeholder community. Demonstrates sustainable outcomes which result in significant cost or time savings. Describe the improved performance and/or measurable results experienced after the solution was implemented.
- **Technology Leadership** – Demonstrates a solution approach that serves as a model for other agencies or departments.

“Many organizations at all levels of government are using technology to streamline their processes for real service benefits, and the Intergovernmental Solutions Awards allow ACT to recognize those distinguished projects,” said Barry C. West, President of ACT. “The Management of Change Conference brings participants together to identify strategies for leveraging technology and these programs have done that with phenomenal results.”

The agencies that met these stringent requirements and demonstrated dedication to progress through technology are divided into two categories of finalists – programs led by federal agencies or the Department of Defense and state and local programs.

2006 State and Local Finalists

- **Arizona State Retirement System Modernization**, Arizona State Retirement System
- **Cal/Gang® and GangNet ® Network System**, California Department of Justice
- **Metro-Scale Wireless Network for E-Government Services**, City of Corpus Christi, Texas
- **Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway**, Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro
- **PA Animal Health Emergency Response and Diagnostic System (PAHERDS)**, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- **Screening Information System**, California Department of Health Services
- **Washington State Reference Network**, Seattle Public Utilities

2006 Federal and Department of Defense Finalists

- **Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA), the Military Electronic Health Record (EHR)**, United States Army Clinical Information Technology Program Office and AHLTA Program Office
- **Comprehensive Electronic Permitting System (ePermits)**, Department of Agriculture
- **E-Gov Travel**, General Services Administration
- **Enterprise Human Resources Integration**, Office of Personnel Management
- **Environmental Information Exchange Network**, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Information
- **eRulemaking Initiative**, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Central Data Repository (CDR)**, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- **Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS)**, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of Automation and Program Operations, Division of Federal Systems, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Findings Integrated Templates (FIT)**, Social Security Administration
- **GovBenefits.gov**, Department of Labor
- **Grants.gov**, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Network Integration Architecture**, Social Security Administration
- **Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced Enterprise Accountability System**, United States Army Program Management for Logistics Information Systems
- **Single Source Coal Reporting (SSCR)**, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining
- **US-VISIT, Automated Biometric Identification System**, Department of Homeland Security

The Co-Chairs for the 2006 Intergovernmental Solutions Awards and Showcase are Denis Gusty, Director of Intergovernmental Solutions for the General Services Administration, and Erin Baker, Director of Business Development for Métier, Ltd.

“The quality of the nominations received for this year’s Intergovernmental Solutions Awards is confirmation of the exceptional work being done at federal, state and local government agencies,” said Gusty. “These programs show great commitment to results and dedication to public service.” “Government agencies face the challenge of meeting many complex needs as efficiently as possible, and all of this year’s finalists have met that challenge through the innovative use of technology,” said Baker.

For more information about the programs honored as finalists, go to:
www.actgov.org/actiac/documents/awards/0604ISA2006Descriptions.doc.

About the 2006 Management of Change Conference

The 26th Annual ACT Management of Change Conference, focused on “Leading Change to Build Organizational Value,” will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina from June 4th to 7th. Dynamic speakers and interactive workshops will bring attendees strategies for driving business results in a world that is becoming increasingly flattened by technological advances.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum**, Chief, National Guard Bureau
- **Clyde Prestowitz**, Founder and President of the Economic Strategy Institute and author of “Three Billion New Capitalists: The Great Shift of Wealth and Power to the East”
- **Teresa Takai**, Chief Information Officer, State of Michigan
- **Marty Wagner**, Acting Commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration
- U.S. Congressman **Joe Wilson** of South Carolina

Plenary panel sessions on “**Improving America’s Advantage through Global Mission Support**” with leaders from the Department of Defense and “**If the world is flattening, what does this mean for government?**” are planned, and workshops will take place in three focused tracks:

- **Leverage Technology for Business Transformation**
- **Manage Technology Change for Increasing Customer Value**
- **Identify and Embrace Emerging Technologies for Strategic Advantage**

For more information, visit www.actgov.org/MOC2006 or call the ACT/IAC office at 703-218-1955.

About the American Council for Technology and the Industry Advisory Council

The American Council for Technology (ACT) is a non-profit educational organization established in 1979 to assist government in acquiring and using information technology resources effectively and efficiently. Working with all levels of government, ACT provides education, programming, and networking opportunities that enhance and advance the government IT profession. In 1989 ACT established the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) to bring industry and government executives together to exchange information, support professional development, improve communications, and build partnership and trust, thereby enhancing government’s ability to serve the nation. ACT and IAC work together to provide an objective, professional and ethical forum where government and industry leaders can collaborate on addressing common issues towards a shared vision. For more information, visit www.actgov.org or call (703) 218-1955.

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