

ITFlorida Announces Finalists For Annual Statewide Awards Gala Finalists to Join Legislators and Officials at Florida's Annual Gathering for High Tech

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Tallahassee — Today, the ITFlorida Board of Directors announced the finalists for its annual statewide awards gala, casting the spotlight on those who have distinguished themselves and their industry in the best application of information technology throughout Florida. The event is scheduled for October 30 at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Lake Buena Vista. ITFlorida will also host its annual technology forum that same day.

Awards finalists, located from every corner of the state, represent a wide cross-section of companies—from large, well-known organizations such as Harris Corporation, to small firms with fewer than 10 employees.

"We find excellent new success stories each year as we examine the best of our state's high tech programs and professionals," said ITFlorida Chair Jim Albert. "We are looking forward to honoring these IT professionals and their contributions to Florida's knowledge economy."

Government entities comprise an important segment of the finalists, including the Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Tallahassee. An important focus for the awards gala is emphasizing how government entities can better serve people through technology. Educational institutions are prominently represented, including the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, and the Florida Virtual Academy. Economic development organizations, strong partners in the development of Florida's high tech landscape, are also included in the awards gala, with finalists including the Charlotte County Economic Development Office, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, and the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission.

The complete list of finalists is as follows:

Excellence in IT Leadership-Northwest

Actigraph (Pensacola)
AppRiver (Gulf Breeze)
Digital Harmony (Tallahassee)
Patient Practitioners (Chipley)

Excellence in IT Leadership-Northeast

Fidelity National Information Services (Jacksonville)
Meridian Technologies (Jacksonville)
Software Integration Services (Jacksonville)
Vurv Technology (Jacksonville)

Excellence in IT Leadership-Central

Harris Corporation (Melbourne)
iRoleplay - Interactive Performance Lab (Orlando)

Law Enforcement Data Sharing Consortium (Orlando)
University of Florida Citrus Research & Education (Lake Alfred)

Excellence in IT Leadership-South

Campus Management Corporation (Boca Raton)
FPL (Juno Beach)
SGIS (Ft. Lauderdale)
VideoSearchIt.com (Boynton Beach)

Small Business of the Year

Coastal Technologies (Boynton Beach)
Information Access Systems (Orlando)
Market2Buyers (Naples)
Overgroup Consulting (Pensacola)

High Growth Company of the Year

Bayshore Solutions (Tampa)
Craig Technologies (Cape Canaveral)
Intellon (Ocala)
Sentinel (Miami)

Government Technology Leadership-Public

City of Lauderhill (Lauderhill)
City of Tallahassee (Tallahassee)
Florida Department of Transportation (Tallahassee)
Town of Longboat Key (Longboat Key)

Government Technology Leadership-Private

fcathelp.com (Deltona)
K12 Inc./Florida Virtual Academy (Jacksonville)
Leica Geosystems and Florida Turnpike (Ocoee)
Strategic IT Alignment Group (Palm Harbor)

Excellence in New Business Recruitment

Charlotte County Economic Development Office (Port Charlotte)
Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (Rockledge)
Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission (Orlando)
Pensacola Chamber of Commerce/ iTen Wired (Pensacola)

IT Leader of the Year

Ed Iacobucci - DayJet Corporation (Boca Raton)
Scott Moody - AuthenTec (Melbourne)
Robin Murphy - University of South Florida (Tampa)
Jose Principe - University of Florida (Gainesville)

About the 2007 ITFlorida Awards Gala and Tech Forum

On October 30, ITFlorida will announce the awards recipients at the annual Awards Gala. Keynoting the event will be **Jimmy Wales**, founder and creator of Wikipedia. The event will also include a keynote from the Honorable **Marco Rubio**, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Also participating in the event are numerous legislators and government officials, including **Senators Mike Fasano and Mike Haridopolos; Reps. Dean Cannon, Ellyn Bogdanoff, Anitere Flores, Will Weatherford, and Ronald Brise; Secretary Holly Benson**, and others. The event will include breakout sessions addressing critical issues in Florida, including:

- Green Tech: Finding Solutions in Technology
- Where Does IT Fit in a Time of Government Cutbacks
- IT Workforce: Crunch or Crisis?

About ITFlorida

ITFlorida is an umbrella, not-for-profit membership organization that represents Florida's diverse information technology businesses and communities on a statewide basis. ITFlorida advocates to the Legislature, the Executive Office of the Governor, and other bodies for the establishment of rational regulatory regimes and economic development processes to support and enhance Florida's high tech industries.

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