

ITFLORIDA AWARDS FINALISTS

awards recipients to be announced at ITFLORIDA AWARDS GALA AND TECH FORUM

Wednesday and Thursday, December 14-15, 2005
The Walt Disney World Contemporary Resort, Lake Buena Vista

Register today at www.itflorida.com to join **Dominican Republic President Leonel Fernandez**, Governor **Jeb Bush**, U.S. Representatives **Tom Feeney** and **Connie Mack**, former **White House CIO Carlos Solari**, **Woody Sessoms** of Cisco, State Officials, and Florida's high tech leaders at ITFlorida's annual Awards Gala and Tech Forum.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., December 8, 2005—ITFlorida announced the finalists for its 10 awards categories, casting the spotlight on those who have distinguished themselves and their industry in the best application of information technology throughout Florida. The finalists are from every corner of the state and represent a wide spectrum of size and scope, from large, well known companies such as Ft. Lauderdale-based Citrix to small firms with fewer than 10 employees.

"This year's slate of finalists is an excellent representation of the high caliber IT professionals and organizations we have in the state," said Jim Albert, President of Idea Integration and chair of the ITFlorida awards committee. "We are excited to have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate their efforts and to showcase how our industry is improving the lives of Floridians."

Hospitals and related healthcare organizations are a significant segment of the finalists, including Baptist Medical Center (Jacksonville), Moffitt Cancer Center (Tampa), and the Mayo Clinic (Jacksonville). Government entities include: Hillsborough County and Miami-Dade County and the cities of St. Petersburg and Tallahassee. Educational institutions include: Duval County Public Schools, Florida Lambda Rail, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona). In addition, Encore and Microsoft were also selected as finalists for their work on Sunshine Connections—a program that better enables Florida's teachers to track the performance of their students.

The complete list of finalists, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Excellence in IT Leadership – Northwest

- Florida Lambda Rail, Larry Conrad – Tallahassee
- IHMC, Ken Ford – Pensacola
- Silver Bullet, Bryan Clark – Pensacola
- City of Tallahassee – Tallahassee

Excellence in IT Leadership – Northeast

- Baptist Medical Center South – Jacksonville
- Blue Dolphin Consulting, Inc – Jacksonville Beach

- Mayo Clinic – Jacksonville

Excellence in IT Leadership – Central

- Bayshore Solutions – Tampa
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Daytona
- Persistent Technology Corporation – Tampa

Excellence in IT Leadership – South

- Ecometry – Delray Beach
- Magaya Corporation – Miami
- U.S. Condo Exchange – Coconut Grove

New Business Recruitment

- Broward Alliance – Ft. Lauderdale
- High Tech Corridor Council – Orlando

Government Technology Leadership – Private

- Document Advantage Corporation – Winter Haven
- Encore and Microsoft – Jacksonville
- Presidio – Tallahassee

Government Technology Leadership – Public

- Duval County Public Schools – Jacksonville
- Hillsborough County Information Technology Services – Tampa
- Miami-Dade County's 311 Answer Center – Miami
- City of St. Petersburg – St. Petersburg

Small Business of the Year

- DataRoad – Jacksonville
- ISOCORP – Tallahassee
- Paul Consulting – Tallahassee
- Triage Partners, LLC – Tampa

High Growth Company of the Year

- Campus Management Corporation – Boca Raton
- ProV International – Tampa
- Wholesale Carrier Services – Coral Springs

IT Leader of the Year

- Edward Martinez, Moffitt Cancer Center – Tampa
- Mark Templeton, Citrix Systems – Ft. Lauderdale
- Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia – St. Petersburg

About the 2005 ITFlorida Awards Gala and Tech Forum

On December 14, ITFlorida will announce the awards recipients at the annual Awards Gala. Keynoting the event will be Woody Sessoms, Vice President, Cisco Systems. At the tech forum on December 15, Governor Jeb Bush will deliver his annual State of Technology Address and

President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic will give an international address regarding the importance of technology in his country's economy, the fastest growing in Latin American, and new business opportunities. The event will conclude with a keynote luncheon featuring remarks by U.S. Rep. Tom Feeney. The Tech Forum will also include networking opportunities and panel discussions addressing disaster recovery, information security, communications policy reform, and state purchasing. Find the complete agenda at www.itflorida.com.

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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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