

Past IT Award Winners

Private Sector Awards:

Outstanding Achievement in Business

Nominees of this award should be businesses with a primary focus of developing and providing IT business solutions. The company should derive the majority of its revenue from the sale of information technology products (hardware and/or software), which is developed by the company, while demonstrating both product and company financial strength and overall success. Key considerations are long-term growth, profitability and sustainability; impact on the industry and market; and accomplishments as an outstanding corporate citizen.

- 2001 – Microsoft Business Solutions, Fargo
- 2002 – BullBerry Systems, Inc., Bismarck
- 2003 – National Information Solutions Cooperative, Mandan
- 2004 – Border States Electric Supply, Fargo
- 2005 – DakTech Computers, Fargo
- 2006 – Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck
- 2007 – Laducer & Associates Inc., Mandan

Innovative Business User of Technology

Businesses that, through the use of innovative technology, have demonstrated they are on the cutting-edge of providing products or services in today's competitive markets can be nominated for this award. The winning business will be recognized for its scope of installation, system integration complexity, return on investments, excellence in implementing innovative solutions to meet strategic business objectives, and accomplishments as an outstanding corporate citizen.

- 2002 – Baker Boy, Dickinson
- 2003 – Killdeer Pharmacy, Killdeer
- 2004 – Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Bismarck
- 2005 – Noridian Administrative Services, LLC, Bismarck
- 2006 – RealTruck, Inc., Jamestown
- 2007 – Verety LLC, Fargo, Grand Forks and rural North Dakota

Entrepreneur Award

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding entrepreneurial success in the development of a technology-based commercial business that has its origins and is currently a North Dakota business. This individual should be instrumental in key technology development, commercialization and marketing of successful technology-related products or services. Other factors to consider are growth of the company, competition with similar types of firms or services, innovation, creativity, and contributions to the local community.

- 2001 – Bob McNeill, REMco Software, Dickinson
- 2002 – Lanny Faleide, Agri ImaGIS, Maddock
- 2003 – Ryan Jilek, Custom Data, Inc., Dickinson
- 2004 – Cathy Scheibe, Toy Farmer, LaMoure
- 2005 – Carol Rogne, DFC Consultants, Fargo
- 2006 – Jason Anderson, Jason Anderson Consulting, Bismarck
- 2007 – Kevin Leier, Tao Interactive, Bismarck

Public Sector Awards:

Outstanding Achievement in Education

The nominee should be an individual associated with a North Dakota educational institution or program who has demonstrated excellence in the promotion and/or use of technology in the academic realm. Nominees should demonstrate success in one or more of the following areas: educational opportunities, research, program growth, student success, or outstanding leadership. Potential recipients could include educators, administrators, IT support staff, or a person associated with a program that brings information technology education to the people of North Dakota.

- 2001 – Ellen Chaffee, Valley City State University, Valley City
- 2002 – Tara Holt, Center for Technology and Business, Bismarck
- 2003 – Dan Pullen, North Dakota Education Technology Council, Valley City
- 2004 – Kaye Furstenau, Cavalier High School, Cavalier
- 2005 – Lisa Feldner, Bismarck Public School District, Bismarck
- 2006 – Bonnie Neas, North Dakota University System, Fargo
- 2007 – Jeffrey Stamp, Ph.D., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Outstanding Achievement in Digital Government

This award recognizes individuals or teams who have demonstrated foresight, innovation, and implementation of programs or services that provide information technology to serve and connect with the public on the state or local level. Programs or services may be in areas such as access to useful government information, improving services to a broad range of citizens for facilitating their transactions with government agencies through information technology, improving communication and interaction among state agencies with each other or with local government entities, and programs or services that will bring positive changes through information technology to the citizens of North Dakota.

- 2001 – Curtis Wolfe, North Dakota Information Technology Department, Bismarck
- 2002 – Dave Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota Department of Transportation, Bismarck
- 2003 – Gary Kostelecky, Stark County Emergency Management, Dickinson
- 2004 – Dean Hildebrand, North Dakota Game and Fish Department
- 2005 – Terry Dwelle, North Dakota Department of Health
- 2006 – Pam Sharp, North Dakota Office of Management and Budget
- 2007 – Maren Daley, Job Service North Dakota

Legislative Award

This award is presented to a North Dakota legislator who is a champion of bringing technology to the citizens of North Dakota. The nominee should be a strong proponent of information technology interests in public policy matters, developing an IT infrastructure for North Dakota, funding of information technology initiatives, and providing an environment that allows North Dakota to grow and prosper through information technology.

- 2001 – Senator Ken Solberg, District 7, Rugby
- 2002 – Senator Larry Robinson, District 24, Valley City
- 2003 – Representative Bob Skarphol, District 2, Tioga
- 2004 – Senator Richard Wardner, District 73, Dickinson
- 2005 – Representative Ken Svedjen, District 17, Grand Forks
- 2006 – No Award Presented
- 2007 – Senator Randel Christmann, District 33, Hazen