

Thirteen NVTC Members Honored at 2015 Federal 100 Awards Ceremony

Thirteen executives from NVTC member companies were honored at the Federal 100 Awards Gala on March 26. The Federal 100 Awards recognize 100 professionals from government and industry who have impacted and transformed the federal government IT community.

Congratulations to Venkatapathi (PV) Puvvada of NVTC member company Unisys, who is the 2015 industry recipient of the prestigious Eagle Award. The Eagle Award is given annually to “the best of the best” of those who have made significant contributions to federal government IT.

Seven representatives from NVTC Board member companies were also recognized: Ken Asbury of CACI International, Courtney Bromley of IBM, Brandee Daly of Amazon Web Services, Joel Jacobs of The MITRE Corporation, Larry Payne of Cisco, Thomas Romeo of MAXIMUS, Tim Rund of Microsoft and Kathy Warden of Northrop Grumman.

Five representatives of NVTC member companies were honored as well: Kay Kapoor of AT&T Federal; Chris Kearns of Lockheed Martin; John Hynes Jr. of TASC, an Engility Company and Jeff Mohan of AT&T. In addition, Lt. Gen. Ed Cardon of the U.S. Army Cyber Command, who spoke at the Nov. 18, 2014 Titans Breakfast Series Cybersecurity Panel, was also named.

Federal 100 winners are nominated by *Federal Computer Week* readers and selected by an independent panel of judges.

Gov. Christie Talks Innovation and the Economy at NVTC/CEA Leadership Series



▲ Gov. Christie during the NVTC/CEA Leadership Series event on May 1 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.

Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, addressed a crowd of more than 325 technology business leaders on May 1 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner as part of the NVTC/CEA Leadership Series. Christie was introduced by Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), the event’s co-host.

In his speech, Christie discussed the need for a robust private sector, the technology industry’s impact on innovation, reforming the government tax system and reshaping the nation’s foreign policy. He also focused on tackling major structural entitlement reforms as a critical imperative to lessen its present 71 percent share of the federal budget which hinders our ability to invest in “national defense... education, research and development, national institutes of health, things that we need to make sure our country continues to be a cutting-edge leader around the world.”

Christie also took questions from the audience on corporate repatriation, immigration reform, attracting top notch international talent, preparing America’s workforce through education reform, healthcare challenges and New Jersey’s recovery after hurricane Sandy.

Successful Fundings and the Entrepreneurs Who Made it Happen

On April 23, the NVTC Small Business and Entrepreneur Committee brought together the CEO/Founders of three hot local tech companies and their VC investors to share first-hand how they went from the business idea to successful early stage venture capital (VC) funding and beyond.

Moderator Lawrence R. Bard, a partner at Morrison & Foerster, led Brian Johnson, co-founder and CEO of DivvyCloud; William Weil, co-founder and CEO of Tales2Go; and Dave Weinberg, co-founder and CEO of loop88 in a discussion about their business challenges, how they pursued funding, what they have learned and what’s ahead. Dan Henderson, the investment director of the Center for Innovative Technology; James Keeratisakdawong, a principal at the Maryland Venture Fund; and Evan MacQueen, a vice president at Core Capital Partners, the VCs who funded them, shared their side of the story and what attracted them to these investments.