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Winners Announced for 2009 NCET Awards

Greater Reno-Tahoe's top technology companies and technology entrepreneurs

[Reno, NV.] September 29, 2009 – NCET has announced the winners of the 2009 “NCET Awards,” recognizing Greater Reno-Tahoe’s top technology companies and technology entrepreneurs. Award winners will be honored at the Awards Dinner at Reno’s Atlantis Casino Resort Spa on October 14, 2009.

“The NCET Awards are a great opportunity to recognize all of the diverse companies and individuals that make up Greater Reno-Tahoe’s thriving technology community,” said Dave Archer, NCET’s Chief Executive Officer. “I look forward to celebrating with these incredible companies and individuals as we recognize their tremendous accomplishments in challenging the boundaries of new technology.”

New for 2009, NCET has named Dave LaPlante as the inaugural inductee into the Greater Reno-Tahoe Technology Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes those individuals and companies who have made long-term contributions to the area’s technology community.

“Selecting this year’s winners was a very difficult process,” added Emily Somerville, NCET’s Senior Marketing and Events Manager. “We received nominations for so many great people and companies, and we faced a tremendous challenge in narrowing it down to just a few winners. The number and variety of nominations is a tremendous testament to the quality and diversity of Northern Nevada’s technology community.”

The NCET Awards dinner will be held at Reno’s Atlantis Casino Resort Spa on October 14, 2009. The cocktail reception is from 5:30 to 6:30pm, followed by dinner and the Awards Presentation from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Individual tickets are \$75 and tables of eight are \$600. Please RSVP for tickets and tables to Emily Somerville at (775) 853-4226 or Emily@NCET.org

The awards reception is hosted by Nevada’s Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology and sponsored by the Northern Nevada Business Weekly and EDawn, the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

2009 NCET Award Winners

Companies

Technology Company of the Year (TIE) – SpecTIR, LLC and IGT

SpecTIR, LLC – SpecTIR provides across the board expertise in all aspects of remote sensing, from the design of sensors to the delivery of imagery and GIS products from any data source; (www.SpecTIR.com)

IGT – International Game Technology is a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized gaming machines and systems products. (www.IGT.com)

Technology Start Up – InTUUN Systems InTUUN Systems is a leading health care information technology and services company focused on creating clinically integrated networks of medical practices, physician organizations and health care communities to enable collaborative patient care and measurable improvements in cost and quality across large patient populations. (www.InTUUN.com)

Green Company of the Year – ElectraTherm. ElectraTherm delivers renewable energy solutions for a sustainable future, now. The company's proven, patented Twin Screw Expander enables its line of energy generators to make electricity from waste and geothermal heat or pressure instead of fossil fuel. (www.ElectraTherm.com)

People

Technology Entrepreneur of the Year – Casey Hakansson, Moment Skis. Casey founded Moment Skis, which produces 16 unique and specific handmade ski models at its Reno factory (www.momentskis.com)

CIO / CTO of the Year – Paul Ayoub, EMPLOYERS. Paul has been Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Employers Insurance Company of Nevada and Employers Compensation Insurance Company since September 2004. (www.employers.com/about_us/Paul_I_Ayoub.aspx)

Technology Educator of the Year – Joe Elcano, Washoe County School District. Joe has been with Washoe County School District (WCSD) for over 30 years and is currently Educational Technology Director, a position which he has held for six years. (<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/district/departments/educational-technology>)

Hall of Fame

Dave LaPlante served for many years as the CEO of Twelve Horses, a global provider of Web site design and development, multi-channel marketing, business process automation, customer relationship management (CRM), search engine optimization and search engine marketing which recently merged with One to One Interactive.

About Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology

NCET, Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that encourages Nevadans to start their own businesses and connects them with the resources they need to succeed. NCET programs include the annual Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition; eWeek, a statewide celebration of Nevada's entrepreneurs; NCET's Entrepreneur Expos; Venture Capital forums; and the new "Reno Angels." NCET has a strategic partnership with the Nevada Commission on Economic Development. For more information on NCET, contact Dave Archer at (775) 315-7635 or Dave@NCET.org or visit www.NCET.org.

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