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Awards



Infrastructure Management World's annual "Best Practices in Infrastructure Management" Awards Program identifies and acknowledges excellence among users of infrastructure management technologies in five separate categories.

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The top Honoree of the five Finalists in each category were announced during an awards ceremony on Tuesday, September 11th during Computerworld's Infrastructure Management World Conference, which took place September 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Data Center Management, IT Operations & Business Continuity

Honoree: EchoStar Communications, Colorado

Gmarket Inc., Korea

Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG, Germany

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Data Center Management, IT Operations & Business Continuity: Case studies should touch on elements such as the design, architecture, construction and maintenance of the data center, as well as the strategies and policies that ensure that your data and the information and applications crucial to the success of your business are accessible, properly backed up and protected in case of systems failure.

Network Management: Case studies should focus on how improving the speed, strength, bandwidth and capabilities of your network has helped you to create a smarter, more flexible infrastructure.

Security, Compliance and Risk Management: Case studies should focus on the essential elements necessary to keep your infrastructure secure, including the policies and best practices that your organization has implemented to ensure you are in line with necessary standards as well as protected from possible threats.

Honoree: Case Western Reserve University, Ohio

Accenture, Ltd., Illinois

National Guard Bureau J6, Virginia

Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBSG), Scotland

Syracuse City Schools and Syracuse Police

Department, New York

Security, Compliance and Risk Management

Honoree: Alliance & Leicester plc, United Kingdom

Accor North America, Texas

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Montana

Sinclair Community College, Ohio

Zions Bank, Utah

Servers and Virtualization

Honoree: Credit Suisse, New York

Maricopa County Community College District

(MCCCD), Arizona

North Carolina State University, North Carolina

Praetorian Financial Group, New York

Wachovia Corporate Investment Bank, North

Carolina

Storage and ILM

Honoree: Baylor College of Medicine - Human

Genome Sequencing Center, Texas

Honoree: Six Flags, New York

FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc., North Carolina

Midwest Independent Transmission System

Operator, Indiana

The Halifax Bank of Scotland (HBOS), Scotland

Servers and Virtualization:

Case studies should focus on improvements made to the efficiency of your infrastructure through virtualization and server consolidation, as well as best practices in ensuring that your rollouts are flexible and cost-effective.

Storage and ILM:

Case studies should focus on methods used to improve the storage capabilities of your infrastructure, as well as generate and enforce the policies that govern the management of your data.

"Six Flags is honored to be recognized as a Best Practices in Infrastructure Management Awards Program Honoree. It is good to know that we are on par with our peers and being named as an Honoree proves that we are state of the art in our IT at Six Flags."

—Michael Israel, senior vice president, Information Services, Six Flags.

Judges will evaluate and rank the finalists in each category according to their substantiated Infrastructure Management solution attributes and achievements against a set of criteria such as:

- Financial return and measurable payback (returns on investment, assets, resources) through created/protected revenue opportunities or cost savings.
- Strategic importance to the business.
- Substantive customer impact (service, retention, acquisition).
- Positive impact on other business/organization units.
- Addresses system and department interoperability issues and heterogeneous platform integration challenges.
- Provides a strategic advantage to the business/organization while anticipating and accommodating the deployment of future infrastructure solution initiatives.
- Supports the efficient and reliable data, information and application sharing/access between personnel, departments, divisions, etc.
- Addresses challenges of data, information and application security, recovery, business continuity, etc.

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