CIT Receives COVITS Governor’s Technology Awards

Recognition cites work on education data, extending broadband toolkit and broadband to enhance veteran’s healthcare.

Herndon, VA (PRWEB) September 13, 2013 -- The Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) announced today that it received three Governor's Technology Awards at the 16th annual COVITS, the Commonwealth of Virginia Information Technology Symposium, held in Richmond.

The prestigious Governor's Technology Awards recognize the success of public sector information technology (IT) projects that improve government service delivery and efficiency.

Pete Jobse, CIT President and CEO, said, “Since 1985, CIT has been Virginia’s driver of innovation. It is not only our mission, it is also our passion, and it is an honor to be able to work in partnership with Virginia agencies to bring innovations and technologies that create new solutions and better service to their customers, the taxpayers of Virginia.”

Two CIT service lines - CIT Broadband and CIT Connect, its consulting service line – were primary partners on the following awards:

The Virginia Longitudinal Data System

The Virginia Longitudinal Data System (VLDS) is a first-in-the-nation collaboration among state agencies - Virginia Department of Education; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Virginia Community College System; and Virginia Employment Commission to share quantifiable educational and workforce development data within a privacy-protected platform. The partner agencies, with support from CIT, which was instrumental in the development of the proper architecture and managing the cross-agency governance program, developed VLDS, the engine behind innumerable categories of data mining and analysis, creating valuable and unique insights for educators and public policymakers, while maintaining student privacy.

Extending Virginia's Broadband Toolkit

The Virginia Tech Center for Geospatial Information Technology (CGIT), Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) and CIT partnered to develop the next generation broadband mapping data and tools in Virginia. The team leveraged the workflows and information that provide the basis for the Commonwealth’s participation in the National Broadband Map using modeling and simulation strategies to extend the Commonwealth’s Broadband Toolbox to help stakeholders – state and local governments, citizens and businesses – in the planning, decision making and deployment of broadband.

Veterans' Broadband Access for Improved Healthcare

Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance worked with CIT, the Virginia Tech Center for Geospatial Information Technology, Broad Axe technology Partners and the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program to examine ways that expanded broadband services can improve veterans' health care services and coordination. The project provides critical linkages to how broadband may be used as a foundation in veterans' health care and identifies solutions for how broadband infrastructure and investments in the Commonwealth can best be
leverage to enhance broadband enabled health services to Veterans. Moreover, the research identifies needs required to promote program and policy action necessary to leverage and maximize broadband resources to support Virginia veterans' well-being.

For more information on these and other Governor’s Technology Awards, please visit COVITS at www.covits.org.

About the Center for Innovative Technology, www.cit.org. Since 1985, CIT, a nonprofit corporation, has been the Commonwealth’s primary driver in developing innovation-based economic development strategies and opportunities. CIT accelerates the next generation of technology and technology companies through commercialization, capital formation, market development and revenue generation services. To facilitate national innovation leadership and accelerate the rate of technology adoption, CIT creates partnerships between innovative technology startup companies and advanced technology consumers. Follow CIT on Twitter @CITorg; and add the Center for Innovative Technology on LinkedIn or Facebook.

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