TwinCitiesCIO Announces Recipients of 2020 CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards

Executives from Thomson Reuters, The Toro Company, Sleep Number, Pohlad Companies, Constellation Mutual, State of Minnesota & Mayo Clinic Recognized for their Achievements

MINNEAPOLIS (PRWEB) September 18, 2020 -- TwinCitiesCIO announced the winners of its 2020 CIO of the Year® ORBIE® Awards. TwinCitiesCIO recognized chief information officers in seven key categories – Leadership, Global, Large Enterprise, Enterprise, Corporate, Nonprofit, and Healthcare. The Twin Cities CIO of the Year Awards were presented virtually.

“The TwinCitiesCIO ORBIE winners demonstrate the value great leadership creates. Especially in these uncertain times, CIOs are leading in unprecedented ways and enabling the largest work-from-home experiment in history,” according to Christa Ogilvy, Executive Director of TwinCitiesCIO. “The ORBIE Awards are meaningful because they are judged by peers - CIOs who understand how difficult this job is and why great leadership matters.”

The 2020 Twin Cities CIO of the Year ORBIE Award winners are:

›› Rick King, Managing Director, Thomson Reuters, received the Leadership CIO of the Year ORBIE.

›› Kurt Svendsen, VP IS, The Toro Company received the Global ORBIE for organizations over $1.4 billion annual revenue & multi-national operations.

›› Hunter Saklad, SVP & CIO, Sleep Number received the Large Enterprise ORBIE for organizations over $1.4 billion annual revenue.

›› Rachel Lockett, CIO, Pohlad Companies received the Enterprise ORBIE for organizations over $450 million annual revenue.

›› Carey Smith, VP & CTO, Constellation Mutual received the Corporate ORBIE for organizations up to $450 million annual revenue.

›› Tarek Tomes, CIO, State of Minnesota, received the Nonprofit/Public Sector ORBIE for government, education & other nonprofit organizations.

›› Christopher Ross, CIO, Mayo Clinic, received the Healthcare ORBIE for hospital and healthcare-related companies.

The CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards is the premier technology executive recognition program in the United States. Since inception in 1998, over 1,000 CIOs have been honored as finalists and over 250 CIO of the Year winners have received the prestigious ORBIE Award. The ORBIE honors chief information officers who have demonstrated excellence in technology leadership. Finalists and winners are selected by an independent peer review process, led by prior ORBIE recipients, based upon:

›› Leadership and management effectiveness
Business value created by technology innovation
Engagement in industry and community endeavors

The CIO Awards ceremony was keynoted by Tom Leighton, CEO & Co-Founder of Akamai Technologies. Over 350 guests attended virtually, representing leading Minneapolis/St. Paul organizations and their technology partners.

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