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GMIS International Announces Annual Public Sector IT Awards

GMIS International recognizes public sector IT leaders at annual conference.

Austin, Texas – September 1, 2021 – GMIS International is pleased to announce its 2021 public sector IT award winners. The awards were presented during the Annual Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with GMIS MEETS, the Annual International Conference held in Orlando, Florida.

The GMIS Outstanding Professional Award was presented to **David Hankes**, IT Innovation Manager for the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois. This annual award recognizes IT professionals whose meritorious performance is representative of service delivery excellence in the public sector. Mr. Hankes was nominated by Dave Kenny, IT Director for the Village of Downers Grove. Mr. Kenny described David as, “a dedicated and valuable resource for the village and is always eager to identify, develop and implement processes critical to the successful operations of all departments. His ingenuity and gentle approach with providing innovative solutions is why David deserves the GMIS OPA.”

The Champion Chapter Award is presented to the GMIS State Chapter that has furthered the overall goals of GMIS International, including participation in GMIS activities, excellence in activities at the state chapter level, and membership growth and retention. **The GMIS Michigan Chapter was presented with this year’s award.** Accepting the award for the Michigan Chapter was Deb Fett.

The President’s Award was given by GMIS International President, Bob McQueen, to **Christina Rothman-Iliff**, Digital Media Manager for Princeton, New Jersey. Christina has been a dedicated member of GMIS and has shared her talents on the GMIS MEETS Conference Committee and as the official GMIS MEETS photographer. Christina strives to help preserve the moments at GMIS MEETS that create a sense of community.

The Hershel Strickland Award honors the memory of contributions made by Hershel Strickland to all aspects of GMIS. **This year’s recipient of the Hershel Strickland Award is GMIS President, Bob McQueen**, with Township of Franklin, New Jersey. Mr. McQueen has worked tirelessly to form alliances with other organizations and to grow GMIS membership.

The GMIS Diamond Award was presented to **Granicus** for their continued long-term support of GMIS International. **The GMIS Ruby Award** was presented to **ThinkGard** for their on-going support of GMIS International.

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The GMIS G2 Awards honors government in fulfilling its mission is expected to collaborate with and serve other entities. This competitive award recognizes the GMIS member agency whose IT project exhibits the best example of G2 of the year in the G2C (Citizens) and G2G (Government) categories. The **G2C Award** was received by the **City of Seguin, TX. – Radio Infrastructure Upgrade**. The **G2G Award** was received by the **Coastal Regional Commission, GA. – Southeast Georgia Regional Alliance for Spatial Solutions (SEGRASS)**.

We hope to see you at GMIS MEETS 2022 at *Loews Philadelphia Hotel* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 21st – 24th, 2022.

With over 500 member organizations across the U.S. and international sister organizations in six countries, GMIS International is the largest professional organization for public sector IT leaders in the U.S. To learn more about GMIS, visit www.gmis.org. For additional information, please contact GMIS International Headquarters at 877.963.4647 or via email at: headquarters@gmis.org.

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