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**Washington SmartCEO Announces the 2015 GovStar Awards Finalists**

*45 government contracting leaders to be honored in SmartCEO's GovStar program*

**Washington, DC (Sept. 8, 2015)** — Washington SmartCEO and Title Sponsor J.P. Morgan and Chase are pleased to announce the 2015 GovStar Awards finalists. The GovStar Awards celebrate 45 Washington-area government contractors that have demonstrated excellence in the complex and competitive government contracting sector. The 2015 GovStar finalists collectively generate nearly \$1.2 billion in annual revenue and employ 6,535 individuals in Greater Washington. This year's finalists will be profiled in the November/December issue of *Washington SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on November 2, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Reston.

*Please see below for a complete list of finalists and for program details. To share in the excitement leading up to the event, follow us @SmartCEO #GovStar.*

“The government contracting industry is one of the most complex and competitive business sectors in the world. But day in and day out this year's finalists come to work with the passion to not only build great businesses but also serve their country, protect U.S. citizens and drive innovation in healthcare, technology and communications,” says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, President of SmartCEO Events. “They are inspirational, patriotic and driven to succeed. We are honored to recognize them for their achievements.”

The GovStar Awards ceremony on Nov. 2, 2015 is an expected sell-out event where more than 500 local executives and guests will gather to celebrate and honor Washington's leading government contractors for their growth, innovation, corporate culture, warfighter and veteran support and industry impact. The event will kick off with a networking reception, followed by a video-packed awards ceremony that will announce winners in the following categories: Star Performer, Star Warfighter, Star Workplace, Technical Trailblazer and Industry Star.

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## **2015 GovStar Awards**

**Date:** Monday, November 2, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (VIP Reception: 5:30 p.m.)

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Reston  
1800 Presidents St., Reston, VA 20190

**Attire:** Business Cocktail

## **2015 GovStar Awards Finalists**

### *Star Performer Emerging*

**Government Tactical Solutions, LLC**

Paul A. Sanchez

**IT Concepts Inc.**

Pinakin Patel

**LRS Federal LLC**

Sean Logan

### *Star Performer Small*

**ARServices, Limited**

Jerry McCargo

**Business Management Associates, Inc.**

LaJuanna Russell

**Concept Plus, LLC**

Ahmad Abuzaakouk

**Highlight Technologies, LLC**

Rebecca Andino

### *Star Performer Medium*

**Apprio Inc.**

Darryl F. Britt

**Dexis Consulting Group**

Mihir Desai

**HumanTouch**

Moe Jafari

**Strategic Operational Solutions Inc.**

Min Chong

### *Star Performer Large*

**Fulcrum IT Services, LLC**

Jeff Handy

**GAP Solutions, Inc.**

Eric Wolking

**Phacil, Inc.**

Tom Shoemaker

### *Star Warfighter*

**INNOPLEX, LLC**

Philip A. Green

**Knowesis Incorporated**

Sheilah O'Brien

**LG-TEK**

Elizabeth Rendon-Sherman

### *Star Workplace Emerging*

**BTS Software Solutions**

David Tohn

**Fusion PPT**

Michael Biddick

**Newbrook Solutions, Inc.**

Dustin Smithers

### *Star Workplace Small*

**FTS International, LLC**

John Fitzgerald

**InCadence Strategic Solutions**

Sandra Corbett

**IntelliGenesis LLC**

Angie Lienert

**Obsidian Analysis, Inc.**

Kevin O'Prey



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*Technical Trailblazer Small*

**Greystones Group**

Sheila J. Duffy

**InQuisient**

Scott Dixon Smith

**RackTop Systems**

Jonathan Halstuch

*Technical Trailblazer Medium*

**Ingenicomm, Inc.**

Amit Puri

**Innovative Defense Technologies (IDT)**

Bernie Gauf

**ThreatConnect, Inc.**

Adam Vincent

*Industry Star Emerging*

**Censeo Consulting Group**

Raj Sharma

**eMentum**

Carolyn V. Merek

**New Editions Consulting, Inc.**

Shelia S. Newman

*Industry Star Small*

**Atlas Research**

Ryung Suh, MD

**Defense Point Security**

George McKenzie

**GuidePoint Security, LLC**

Michael Volk

**Marathon TS**

Pam Siek

*Industry Star Medium*

**The Ambit Group**

Kim Hayes

**GBX Consultants, Inc.**

Eugene Bruseau

**One Federal Solution**

Abdul Baytops

**TISTA Science and Technology Corporation**

Ahmed R. Ali

*Industry Star Large*

**Buchanan & Edwards, Inc.**

Brian Karlisch

**Haystax Technology**

William Van Vleet III

**SOS International, LLC**

Julian Setian

**Xator Corporation**

David Scott

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### **About the GovStar Awards**

The GovStar Awards program honors local government contractors for their technology innovation, workplace environment, growth, veteran support and impact on the industry and the marketplace as a whole. Government contracting is an extremely competitive and growing industry in the Greater Washington market, and the federal government is the largest consumer of products and services in the U.S. The GovStar program recognizes the many commendable attributes of Greater Washington-area companies striving for excellence in this complex and competitive sector. Each year, an independent committee of local business leaders selects the winners based on their growth, innovation, corporate culture, veteran support and industry impact. Finalists are profiled in the November/December issue of *Washington SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards reception in November, where category winners are announced live.

### **About SmartCEO**

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

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