

ACT-IAC Selects 2012 Partners Program Class, Government and Industry Nominate their Strongest Leaders

Executive development program inducts 32 government and industry “rising stars” who have demonstrated high potential for future advancement to the Senior Executive Services or C-level ranks

FAIRFAX, Va. – Feb. 6, 2012 – The [American Council for Technology-Industry Advisory Council](#) (ACT-IAC) (ACT-IAC) today announced its 2012 [Partners Program](#) participants. The executive development program pairs 16 government and 16 industry professionals for a nine-month period, to help prepare them for future roles at the Senior Executive Service (SES) and company officer levels.

“The Partners Program is unique among professional development programs available to the Federal IT Community,” said Rory Schultz, 2012 Partners Program government chair. “What sets it above the others is it’s concept of true public-private collaboration, a trusted environment where open discussion and exchange of ideas can take place freely. This 15th Partners Class will continue the tradition of industry and government working together to develop critical leadership skills and advance our sector.”

The ACT-IAC Partners Program is the only program of its kind that allows an open and trusted partnership between government and industry professionals. 2012 Partners Program participants were nominated by their respective government agency or company sponsors, and evaluated by a panel of senior government and industry executives on their individual professional leadership accomplishments and their potential for future advancement within their organization.

“2012 participants complete the program’s rigorous curriculum, which is designed to encourage team building and deeper level partnerships between the public and private sectors,” said Partners Program industry chairwoman, Sherry Weir. “This experience challenges participants to solve real work problems across a multitude of business activities—such as program and project management, IT procurement, and financial management—to prepare them for their roles at the SES and C-suite levels.”

2012 Government Partners Program participants are:

- Jacqueline Butler, Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service
- Robert Coen, National Institutes of Health
- Brian Conroy, Department of Homeland Security – Immigration Custom Enforcement
- Jeremiah Dewey, Environmental Protection Agency
- Timothy Dunfee, NASA
- Tajuana Elam, Internal Revenue Service
- Kevin Gallo, General Services Administration – Federal Acquisition Service
- William Graves, Department of Homeland Security
- Kristen Knapper, General Administration – Federal Systems Integration and Management Center
- Sean Lang, Library of Congress
- Jolene Merkel, Federal Aviation Administration
- Heidi Myers, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Custom Enforcement
- Rosemary Olsen, General Services Administration – Federal Acquisition Service
- David Paschane, Department of Veteran Affairs

- Hourman Rasouli, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Gerald Thomas, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

2012 Industry Partners Program participants are:

- Allen Ashbey, Sapient Government Services
- Troy Barker, ICF International
- Elizabeth Bolak, INDUS Corporation
- Scott Campbell, Robbins-Gioia LLC
- Brian Hepp, CGI Federal
- Meg Hobler, DMI
- Richard Jenkins, CACI
- Darryl Korynta, CISCO
- Rachana Kulkarni, Creative Information Technology Inc
- Andrew Larsen, SAIC
- Anita Lynn, BRMi
- Karlene Steechi, Tantus Technologies, Inc
- Erik TerHaar, Unisys
- Mark Valcich, Intel Corporation
- Cheryl Waldrup, Govplace
- Chris Zinner, Accenture

Partner Chairs – Rory Schultz, Department of Agriculture; and Sherry Weir, Kearney & Company are joined by Vice Chairs – Oliver Voss, Environmental Protection Agency; Jim Ghiloni, General Services Administration; Kim Hayes, The Ambit Group; and Lisa Akers, ASI Government.

After successful completion of this foundational program, individuals will continue their executive development in the highly regarded community of ACT-IAC Fellows, a trusted, collaborative network made up of over 500 government and industry executives.

For more information on the ACT-IAC Partners Program and other professional development opportunities with ACT-IAC, please visit www.actgov.org/education/partners

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ACT-IAC is recognized as the premier government IT community's public-private partnership and is an example of how government and industry work together. We are a non-profit educational organization created to advance government in serving the public through the effective application of IT resources. Our education, training, programming and collaboration opportunities enhance and advance the government IT profession. ACT-IAC's objective, vendor and technology-neutral, and ethical forum allows government and industry to collaborate and improve government through technology.

Learn more about our organization and how to become a member at www.actgov.org or call (703) 208-4800.



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