

**Deirdre Murray Awarded Industry Advisory Council's 10th Annual  
Mendenhall Leadership Award Oct-26-2010  
Award Recognizes Significant Contribution to the Federal IT Community**

The American Council for Technology (ACT) and the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) at an Executive Leadership Conference banquet last night honored Deirdre Murray, Business Development Principal at Qwest Communications, with the government IT industry's highly respected *Janice K. Mendenhall Hall Spirit of Leadership Award*. Murray joined five of her peers, all of whom were recognized for their long-standing commitment to advance government through technology.

The *Janice K. Mendenhall Hall Spirit of Leadership Award* is the highest honor ACT-IAC, since 2001, has annually awarded to a government or industry professional who has made substantial contributions to the IT community over a significant period of time. Past Mendenhall award winner Bob Woods presented Murray with the award for her dedication to strengthen government and industry relations, and her involvement in leadership positions within ACT-IAC, TechAmerica, AFFIRM, Women InTechnology (WIT) and AFCEA.

Andy Robinson presented the IAC Chair's Award to CSC's Ed Meagher, for his leadership as chair of the IAC VistA project, while Prashant Gaur gave the ACT President's Award to David Wennergren, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and DoD Deputy CIO, for his ongoing efforts to encourage his peers in government to pursue opportunities for collaboration and cooperation with the private sector.

The awards committee chose Onelia Codrington, Performance Value Management, as Industry Contributor of the Year and Mary Davie, General Services Administration (GSA), as Government Contributor of the Year.

Habib Nasibdar, USMAX Corporation, was recognized as ACT-IAC's Rookie of the Year for his efforts in forging a strong relationship with the GSA on cloud computing issues.

"Deirdre, Ed, and David join a distinguished group of government and industry leaders who have devoted their careers to improving citizen services through government transformation," said Andy Robinson, IAC Executive Chair. "Onelia, Mary, and Habib, like their peers, represent forward thinking in government IT and the leadership qualities needed to enhance collaboration and accelerate innovation between industry and government."

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Collaboration and Action**

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