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**Telework Exchange Commends 2009 Tele-Vision Award Winners for Outstanding Telework Accomplishments**

*Awards Recognize Excellence in Government Telework at Defense Information Systems Agency, General Services Administration, Navy, Patent and Trademark Office, and Commonwealth of Virginia*

**ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 2, 2009** – Telework Exchange<sup>SM</sup>, a public-private partnership focused on eliminating telework gridlock, announced the recipients of the 2009 Tele-Vision Awards today at an awards reception in Washington, D.C. The 2009 Tele-Vision Awards program, sponsored by Citrix Systems, recognizes excellence in government telework programs, including agency accomplishments and individual contributions to telework success. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tele-Vision Awards Ceremony featured guest speaker Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA).

“As a longtime advocate of telework, I am delighted that the Office of Personnel Management Director, John Berry, is moving forward aggressively to promote telework in the Federal government as a viable solution to traffic congestion, pollution, recruitment and retention, and efficiency,” said Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA). “I applaud the 2009 Tele-Vision Award winners for their commitment to telework. In addition to the strong programs in the Federal government, I am honored to see such tremendous work being done in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These programs have set themselves apart in terms of best practices and effectiveness and they can set an example for other agencies to follow.”

An independent panel of judges, composed of professionals from government and affiliate organizations with experience managing, implementing, funding, and maintaining telework programs for public-sector organizations, selected the Tele-Vision Awards winners.

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The winners represent programs with multiple stakeholders that support strategic agency goals and objectives, leverage industry standards and best practices, as well as demonstrate sound, sustainable approaches to telework.

Telework Exchange recognized winners in seven categories:

- **Best New Telework Initiative**  
Organization: United States Navy  
Program: Virtual Command Pilot Program
  
- **State and Local Government Telework Program**  
Organization: Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Program: Telework!VA
  
- **Excellence in Telework Leadership**  
Organization: United States General Services Administration  
Program: Telework Program
  
- **Best Use of Innovation and Technology to Support Telework**  
Organization: United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Program: Office of General Law Telework Program
  
- **Telework Program with Maximum Impact on Government**  
Organization: Defense Information Systems Agency  
Program: Telework Program
  
- **Federal Telework Driver Award**  
Honoree: Bill McAlpin, Chief of Manpower and HR Systems  
Organization: Defense Information Systems Agency
  
- **State Telework Driver Award**  
Honoree: Jennifer Thomas Alcott, Telework!VA Program Manager  
Organization: Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia

“The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tele-Vision Award winners are true examples of excellence in government telework programs,” said Cindy Auten, general manager, Telework Exchange. “We congratulate the winning organizations and individuals and are delighted each year to see more and more agencies establishing and improving their telework programs. We look forward to working with these agencies, along with the other agencies that may be able to learn from their success.”

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More information on the winning programs and individuals, as well as the 2009 Tele-Vision Awards program is available at [www.teleworkexchange.com/awards-2009.asp](http://www.teleworkexchange.com/awards-2009.asp).

**About Telework Exchange, LLC**

Telework Exchange is a public-private partnership focused on demonstrating the tangible value of telework and serving the emerging educational and communication requirements of the Federal teleworker community. The organization facilitates communication among Federal teleworkers, telework managers, and IT professionals. For more information on Telework Exchange, please visit [www.teleworkexchange.com](http://www.teleworkexchange.com).