

Northern Virginia Technology Council Announces Data Center Awards Finalists

Awards Spotlight Continued Vibrancy and Record-Breaking Growth of Virginia's Data Center Industry

McLEAN, Va. – (February 8, 2023) – The [Northern Virginia Technology Council \(NVTC\)](#), the trade association representing the region's technology community, today announced the finalists of the fourth annual NVTC Data Center Awards.

In celebration of our region's continued economic growth and tech innovation, winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg, Va.

Virginia is currently the [largest data center market](#) in the world, with more than 2.5 gigawatts (GW) of capacity and a less than 1% vacancy rate. This translates into enough energy to perpetually power more than [2 million](#) homes. The industry's growth has benefited the economic climate of Virginia's counties, including Loudoun, Prince William, Henrico and others', amounting to [\\$1.2 billion](#) in state and local tax revenue. Additionally, the region was recently recognized by Cushman & Wakefield's 2023 Global Data Center Market Comparison [report](#) as the number one global data center market.

The NVTC Data Center Awards celebrate individuals who have advanced and championed the region's data center industry. This year, the award categories recognize data centers that have implemented innovative construction projects, energy-efficient practices and impactful community engagements.

"One of our tech hub's unique characteristics is our expanding data center industry across multiple counties in Virginia," said Jennifer Taylor, president and CEO of NVTC. "In fact, Virginia data centers supported [45,000 jobs and led to \\$15.3 billion in economic output](#) in 2021. NVTC is honored to host the Data Center Awards and celebrate the award finalists who make such a positive impact in our communities and globally."

"Data centers are the engines of the digital economy. As enterprises rapidly embrace digital transformation, data centers continue to fuel that transformation," said Vinay Nagpal, chairman of NVTC Data Center and Cloud Community. "The NVTC Data Center Awards are a celebration of the stellar success of Northern Virginia as the leading data center market globally. On behalf of the entire leadership board, I congratulate all the finalists for their outstanding contributions to this important sector of the digital infrastructure industry." An independent panel of business leaders selected the finalists in eight award categories.

The NVTC 2023 Data Center Award finalists are:

Community Champion Award:

7x24 Exchange DC Chapter
Shueyb Ali, World Services, LLC
Steve Altizer, Compu Dynamics
Stuart Dyer, CBRE
Amber Emery, Equinix
Troy Hill, Iron Mountain Data Centers

Construction Project Award:

Amazon Web Services, Whiting Turner Construction
Compass Datacenters Delivery Team

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Award:

Digital Realty
Equinix
Iron Mountain Data Centers
Vantage Data Centers

Global Data Center Award:

Aligned Data Centers
Digital Realty
Iron Mountain Data Centers
Vantage Data Centers

Data Center Innovation Award:

Compass Datacenters
CoreSite
Quantum Loophole
TRAXyL

Rising Star Award:

Sarah Godbehere, Google
Boomya Patan, World Services, LLC

Sustainable Champion Award:

Brian Houston, Meta
Chris Pennington, Iron Mountain Data Centers
Katrina Rymill, Equinix

Trailblazer Award:

David Anderson, Silicon Valley Technology
Rob Faktorow, CBRE

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NVTC is the trade association representing the Northern Virginia technology community. As one of the nation's largest technology councils, NVTC serves companies from all sectors of the industry, from small businesses and start-ups to Fortune 100 technology companies, government contractors, as well as service providers, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations. More than 450 members look to the organization as a resource for networking and educational opportunities, peer-to-peer communities, policy advocacy, industry promotion, fostering of strategic relationships, and branding of the region as a major global technology center. Learn more at www.nvtc.org.