

Northern Virginia Technology Council Announces Winners of the Third Annual Virginia Data Center Awards

Ten Individuals and Organizations Recognized for their Outstanding Contributions to
the Commonwealth's Technology Industry

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[Northern Virginia Technology Council](#) (NVTC), the trade association representing the national capital region's technology community, announced the winners of its third annual NVTC Virginia Data Center Awards. In celebration of the Virginia data center industry's enormous growth and impact and dedication to making our region the epicenter of the Internet, the awards were presented on November 16, 2021 at Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg, Va.



VIRGINIA
DATA
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AWARD WINNER

"This year's honorees have demonstrated amazing accomplishments within Virginia's leading data center sector," said Jennifer Taylor, president and CEO of NVTC. "Virginia's data centers not only manage a significant portion of the world's Internet traffic, the recipients for these awards have directly contributed to an infrastructure that is able to secure, protect and analyze all inputs – thanks to the commitment of our leaders and innovators."

"Data centers are the engines of the digital economy. As businesses accelerate their pace toward digitalization and adopting cloud services, data centers will continue to play a crucial role in the digital world. Virginia represents the largest data center market globally and NVTC fosters the growth of the data center industry. I would like to congratulate all the winners and thank them for their contributions," said Vinay Nagpal, chairman of NVTC's Data Center and Cloud Community of Interest.

This year's program attracted nominations across seven different award categories, and represents the best of the data center industry in the national capital region, including innovative construction projects, energy efficient practices, as well as impactful community, Veteran and enterprising engagements. All nominations were carefully reviewed and considered by a panel of independent judges.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Virginia Data Center Awards:

Data Center Community Champion Award

- 7x24 Exchange Washington DC Chapter
- AFCOM Potomac Chapter

Data Center Construction Project Award

- QTS

Data Center DE&I Leadership Award

- Shalini Sharma, Vantage Data Centers

Data Center NextGen Leadership Award

- Joe Harar, EdgeConneX
- Greg Thompson, Vantage Data Centers

Data Center Sustainable Champion Award

- Andrew Schaap, Aligned

Data Center Trailblazer Award

- Vinay Nagpal, InterGlobix

Data Center Veterans High Impact Award

- Erich Sanchack, Digital Realty

Data Center Icon Award

- Marc Ganzi, DigitalBridge

This year's NVTC Data Center Awards were sponsored by Equinix, Loudoun County Economic Development, Northern Virginia Community College, Bohler, Digital Realty, Facebook, Prince William County Economic Development, QTS, Google, Henrico County Economic Development, Level Green Landscaping, Vantage Data Centers and Scoop News Group. InterGlobix Magazine is the media partner for the awards.

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About the Northern Virginia Technology Council

The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) is the trade association representing the national capital region's technology community. As one of the nation's largest technology councils, NVTC serves companies from all sectors of the industry, from small businesses and startups to Fortune 100 technology companies, as well as service

providers, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations. Nearly 500 entities make up the NVTC membership and 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. Visit NVTC at <http://www.nvtc.org>.
