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NEOSA recognizes Chief Information Officers for achievement

Cleveland, November 16--NEOSA, the COSE Technology Network, recently announced the winners of the 2009 CIO of the Year award at the 10th annual NEOSA CIO Symposium on November 10th.

Awards were presented to Chief Information Officers (CIOs) for outstanding leadership and achievement in four categories: government, non-profit organization, small company and large company.

Northeast Ohio CIOs were nominated by peers, co-workers and vendors in August and September, and completed an online questionnaire to be considered for the award. A panel of judges determined the winners based on those responses.

2009 CIO of the Year award winners were:

- Government: Brian Kelley, Portage County
- Non-profit organization: Jim Sage, The University of Akron
- Small Company: Jeremy Moorman, Aluminum Line Products Company
- Large Company: Tom Lucas, The Sherwin-Williams Company

In addition to the CIOs receiving an award, NEOSA also presented an award to each winning company's team – *The NEOSA IT Team of the Year*, in recognition of the teamwork required to be a world-class IT organization.

"NEOSA has presented the CIO of the Year Awards since 2005." said Brad Nellis, Director of NEOSA. "This year's class of honorees represent another outstanding group of IT executives and visionary leaders."

Nominations for the 2010 CIO of the Year Award will open in August 2010.

NEOSA is a membership-based organization that promotes the advancement of the Technology Community and IT Industry of Northeast Ohio. NEOSA is an industry-led, industry-driven organization made up of nearly 900 member companies representing all facets of information technology.

COSE, the small business arm of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, serves as a one-stop resource for its members by providing: group-purchasing programs that reduce the cost of doing business; education and development programs for small- and mid-sized businesses; advocacy on legislative and regulatory issues affecting the business community; a wide range of resources focused on helping firms grow; and economic development partners that can address business concerns. (www.cose.org).

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