INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY’S NOVEL IT SERVICES GARNER AWARD

The intelligence community’s innovative IT solutions – including a secure, unclassified e-mail system accessible from a desktop or handheld device – have been recognized with an Outstanding Information Technology Achievement in Government Award from Government Computer News, the publication announced on Aug. 19.

The publication also applauded some of the community’s other IT solutions, including iVideo, which allows imagery to be shared; Intellipedia, the intelligence community’s secure wiki; and Inteldocs, a Web-based, document-sharing system.

The intelligence community was recognized for the work of staff members who are under the direction of Dale W. Meyerrose, Associate Director of National Intelligence & Chief Information Officer – especially those in the Office of the Intelligence Community Enterprise Solutions, which developed the innovations. The award reflects both the progress being made by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the organization’s value to the community at large, ODNI officials said.

The intelligence community and nine other winning teams were selected this year from nearly 100 nominations. The awards highlight “extraordinary IT accomplishments and significant contributions” that enhance the performance of federal, state and local governments, the publication said.

Winners will be formally honored at an Oct. 22 black-tie event at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C. More information about the contest is available online at www.GCN.com/2008AwardsGala.

The award is only the latest in a series of accomplishments this year by Meyerrose and his staff. For example, the ODNI announced in April the first-ever strategy to improve the ability of intelligence professionals to share information. The strategy is available on the Web at http://www.dni.gov/reports.htm. Both Meyerrose and the chief information officer for the Department of Defense also have promoted sharing between interagency computer networks, as well as a joint approach to software licensing.

The Director of National Intelligence oversees 16 federal organizations that make up the U.S. intelligence community. The DNI also manages the implementation of the National Intelligence Program. Additionally, the DNI serves as the principal adviser to the president, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council on intelligence issues related to national security.