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Dr. Charles J. Holland Honored by *Government Computer News*

Dr. Charles J. Holland, deputy director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Information Processing and Techniques Office and program manager for DARPA's High Productivity Computing Systems program, has been honored with a 2008 *Government Computer News* Technology Leadership Award.

Government Computer News announced the awards on May 15 at a special awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., held in conjunction with the Association for Federal Information Resources Management. Holland will be recognized as one of this year's 10 award winners in a profile story to be published in *Government Computer News*' May 19 issue and on www.GCN.com.

Government Computer News recognized Holland for his vision and influence on the direction of government high performance computing. The recognition culminates years of work by Holland to bring attention to the fact that the United States was falling behind in supercomputing prowess and that keeping pace was important to maintaining national security. At DARPA, he oversees development in cognitive systems, language processing, sensors and other areas of computational interest. In the High Productivity Computing Systems program, Holland is spearheading efforts to significantly improve not only the raw performance of supercomputers but their productivity as well.

"I have been fortunate to have worked with many outstanding government team members who have recognized the importance of high performance computing to national security," explains Holland.

Prior to joining DARPA in 2005, Holland was the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Science and Technology). In this capacity he provided leadership to the entire spectrum of the more than \$10 billion annual Department of Defense science and technology portfolio. He has also held previous government positions in the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Office of Naval Research and the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress.

Holland holds a doctorate in Applied Mathematics from Brown University, received the Public Service Award from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In addition, Holland has received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive and Meritorious Civilian Service Awards from the Secretary of Defense, the Air Force, and the Navy. He served on active duty as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army.

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The *Government Computer News* judging panel selected Holland as one of 10 individuals in the Federal government who were outstanding in the field of government information technology. Winners were recognized for:

- Exceptional accomplishments over a substantial period of time in leading government information technology initiatives;
- The ability to inspire co-workers to higher achievement; and
- The degree to which they showed a penchant for taking risks and innovation in tackling mission-related projects.

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