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# 2010 NPA Awards for Professionalism Nominations Open



NPA Recognizes Individuals for  
Excellence in the Networking Industry

The Network Professional Association® (NPA), along with Interop, GITCA, and Cisco Press, proudly announce the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Awards for Professionalism, which honors IT workers for their commitment to the ideals of the NPA. Candidacy is open to all networking professionals worldwide through an online nomination process that closes March 27, 2010. Winners selected best exhibit a commitment to technical proficiency, ethical business practices, credential advancement, and ongoing achievement.

Awards for Professionalism winners will be honored with dining and celebration the evening of April 28, 2010 in Las Vegas Nevada. The profiles and achievements of the 2010 winners will be on display as models of professionalism. Award winners receive a personalized trophy and valuable gifts. Program details and descriptions of previous winners may be viewed at [AwardsforProfessionalism.org](http://AwardsforProfessionalism.org)

### Now accepting submissions in these 2010 award categories:

#### **Best Networking Professional – Career Achievement Award**

This award honors a network computing professional who has demonstrated years of the highest ideals of the network computing professional. This individual serves as a role model in the network computing community and may be considered by peers as an industry luminary.

#### **Professional Excellence and Innovation Award**

This award honors the network computing professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and the innovative use of networking technology and/or products for a particular networking project within the past 12 months.

Entries are accepted within the following subcategories:

- **Corporate Fortune X**
- **Corporate Small Business**
- **Education**
- **Government**
- **Independent Network Contractor**

#### **Best Mentor Award**

This award honors the networking professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and the accomplished mentor.

#### **Top of the Mark - Volunteer Award**

This award honors the networking professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and is a notable example of the best in giving back through selfless effort.

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## **AWARD ENTRY GUIDELINES**

Please prepare a nomination for yourself, or your nominee. Nominations are accepted for any individual who has upheld their role in the computing industry. Visit [www.AwardsForProfessionalism.org](http://www.AwardsForProfessionalism.org) to obtain nomination form and instructions.

Complete and submit nomination to NPA before the submission deadline to: Network Professional Association at [awards@npa.org](mailto:awards@npa.org).

The categories in awards were selected by the Network Professional Association to establish a base for professionalism and ethics upheld by the industry member.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one Award for Professionalism may be awarded in each category or subcategory; all categories may not be awarded. NPA reserves the right to decline any nomination or withhold an award for lack of sufficiency. Individuals and companies may submit nominations in more than one category, however if the same individual is nominated for more than one category only the first entry or the nominee's choice will be considered. Nominations cannot be resubmitted in subsequent years. NPA will notify you of the receipt of your entry via email.

Winners will be notified approximately 3 weeks before the Awards ceremony. Winners may be asked to provide addition information, media clips, photography or personal presentation for public display.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of editorial and networking professionals including persons with special expertise in the specific categories. Evaluation is based on criteria significant to the values of the Network Professional Association.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Deadline for all submissions is Midnight March 27, 2010

## **SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES**

The Network Professional Association® (NPA) launched the first Awards for Professionalism at Interop in 2002 as an answer to the need to give recognition to accomplished network computing professionals who have been instrumental in setting and acting on the standards and the building the network computing industry as it is today.

As in the first year of the awards the NPA asks for industry partners (The Consortium) to lend their accolades and support to this special event. It is exciting to be involved in the Awards for Professionalism, to associate with great partners, and to meet some of the very fine candidates and winners. It is so important to recognize and promote outstanding achievements of professionals within the network computing industry.

Requests for information may be directed to:

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## The Consortium

**Cisco Press** is a publishing alliance between Cisco® (NASDAQ: CSCO) and the Pearson Education division of Pearson plc (NYSE: PSO). Established in 1996, Cisco Press is the official publisher of Cisco networking technology, Cisco certification self-study, and Cisco Networking Academy Program materials. Leading authorities from Cisco and other industry innovators write and contribute to the Cisco Press product family which combines instructor-led training with hands-on instruction, e-learning, and self-study.

Cisco Press is proud to support the Network Professional Association (NPA) in awarding outstanding achievements within the network computing industry. Providing education materials and promoting professional growth are part of the Cisco Press mission; sponsoring the NPA awards allows Cisco Press to recognize those who have truly excelled in the industry.

Visit [ciscopress.com](http://ciscopress.com) for more information.

**GITCA (Global Information Technology Community Association)** is an international not-for-profit organization devoted to the development and growth of the IT community. After supporting and connecting professional user groups and associations, student organizations, and solution providers for more than four years we have come to understand the goals and needs of each group, as well as the resources they have to share. We are happy to support the efforts of organizations such as the NPA that promote excellence in all that they do, ultimately elevating the status of the IT Pro both in their industry and in the community.

**Interop**, the leading business technology event, is proud to support NPA's Awards for Professionalism, honoring outstanding contributions in the networking industry. This year's recipients will be announced during Interop Las Vegas.

**NPA**, Established 1993, the non-profit Network Professional Association® (NPA) is the leading organization for network computing professionals. To be identified as true professionals, the NPA's international membership adheres to a code-of-ethics, continual demonstrated professional development, adherence and knowledge of the latest best practice standards, and strives for continual growth. The widely acknowledged and the industry's only international Awards for Professionalism honors individuals for their outstanding achievements in network computing and meeting the values of professionalism. The impartial strength of the NPA is a result of vendor neutrality and self-regulation.

The CNP is the consummate professional credential of the NPA. Career growth, proven experience, validated certification, advanced education, ethics and NPA membership are all steps towards achieving the CNP – Certified Network Professional credential.

A member of the NPA believes in the values of the professional association, its focus on the CNP credential and the professional status of network professionals through advocacy. Members receive a certificate of membership, quarterly Journal publications, benefits derived through chapters and programs, and opportunities to volunteer, publish and develop.

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