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ITAC Ingenious Awards & CanadianCIO of the Year Awards winners announced: Provides glimpse into power of ICT to change the lives of people, communities and businesses

Toronto, ON (November 7, 2018) – From improving healthcare patient experiences to building a high-performance and reliable 3D vision system for diverse manufacturing applications, this year's six winners of the [2018 ITAC Ingenious Awards](#) and the two [CanadianCIO of the Year Award](#) recipients exemplify the true meaning of technology trailblazers, according to national industry association, the Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC).

The *ITAC Ingenious Awards* program was launched in 2011 to recognize excellence and innovation in the use of information and communications technology (ICT) by organizations in all walks of Canadian life to solve problems, improve performance, introduce new services and grow businesses. The *CanadianCIO of the Year Award*, in both the public and private sectors, recognizes overall excellence among Canada's community of CIOs.

Award recipients were honoured at an annual awards gala in Toronto on November 6.

The 2018 ITAC Ingenious Award winners are:

- **Large Private Sector:** [GoldCorp Inc.](#), for their *Goldcorp Cognitive Journey* program
- **Large Public Sector:** [Halton Healthcare](#) for their *Smart Hospitals Enabling Exemplary Patient Experiences* initiative
- **Medium Private Sector:** [ComplyWorks](#) for their *Realtime Multilingual Language Detection and Translation Add-on to Customer Support Application*
- **Small Private Sector:** [Bluewrist](#) for their *Robotics and 3D Machine Vision – A Smarter Way to do QA Testing* program
- **SME Public/Not-for-Profit:** [Montréal West Island Health and Social Services Centre](#) for their *Implementing the Resident Assessment Instrument with Lean Methodologies* initiative
- **Ingenious Spark:** [Chatter Research](#); recognizing a successful new technology product or service

The 2018 CanadianCIO of the Year Award winners are:

- **Public Sector:** Tara Mulrooney, Chief Technology Officer, [Alberta Energy Regulator](#)
- **Private Sector:** Mark Saunders, Chief Information Officer, [Sun Life Financial](#)

ITAC is proud to partner with the [CIO Association of Canada](#) (CIOCAN) on both the *ITAC Ingenious Awards* program and *CanadianCIO of the Year Awards*. CIOCAN, together with [CanadianCIO Magazine](#), partner to recognize individuals making extraordinary contributions to the evolution of technology in Canada in their capacity as CIO's in both the public and private sector for the *CanadianCIO of the Year Awards*.

Quotes:

In our increasingly digital, mobile and automated world, technology has become the heart of every industry, as evidenced by today's winners. I offer my sincere congratulations to all this year's winners and finalists on behalf of ITAC, its Boards of Directors and its members. I am awed by the creativity and passion of the people and organizations who use technology in such innovative ways, helping to change people's lives, communities and businesses for the better. Kevin Peesker, ITAC National Board Chair and President, Microsoft Canada

There are many extraordinary organizations and accomplished CIO's across our country – all who are pushing us forward and having a profound effect on Canada's digital economy. I strongly encourage people to take advantage of this great opportunity to nominate a peer or a project from their own community as a way to showcase the amazing role technology has in our lives. Gary Davenport, Past President and Board of Directors, CIO Association of Canada.

Visit <https://ingeniousawards.ca/about/> to learn more about the awards programs, and how to nominate someone for the 2019 Programs.

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About Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC)

As Canada's national ICT business association, the Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC) champions the development of a robust and sustainable digital economy in Canada. A vital connection between business and government, we provide our members with the advocacy, networking and professional development services that help them to thrive nationally and compete globally.

A prominent advocate for the expansion of Canada's innovative capacity, ITAC encourages technology adoption to capitalize on productivity and performance opportunities across all sectors. A member-driven not-for-profit, ITAC has served as the authoritative national voice of the \$170 billion ICT industry for over 60 years. More than 36,000 Canadian ICT firms create and supply goods and services that contribute to a more productive, competitive, and innovative society. The ICT sector generates over one million jobs directly and indirectly and invests \$4.9 billion annually in R&D, more than any other private sector performer.

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