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**NASHVILLE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES  
2010 TECHNOLOGY AWARDS FINALISTS**

***Top technology talent is recognized at Nashville Technology Council's annual awards gala***

NASHVILLE, TN – October 5, 2010– The Nashville Technology Council announced today the official finalists for the 2010 “Feel the Beat” Technology Awards. The award nominations recognize individuals and companies whose success has helped grow Greater Nashville into a nationally recognized hub for technology.

“2010 has been the best and worst of times”, said J. Tod Fetherling, President/CEO, Nashville Technology Council. “Just as the economy starts to recover, we have a massive flood. The Flood of 2010 showed the real character of Nashville. We pulled together under the headline of “We Are Nashville.” Many of our tech leaders were the first to respond to the flood and even during the recession, they have grown their businesses. These are true leadership qualities that we will recognize again this year.”

In addition to previous categories, this year’s awards will also recognize Chief Technology Officers and Chief Information Security Officers. A special Lifetime Achievement Award will also be given out to a long standing member of the technology community who has had a significant impact on the growth and success of Nashville.

The “Feel the Beat” Technology Awards ceremony will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Renaissance Hotel Nashville. The ceremony is open to the public with advance ticket purchase. Tickets may be purchased online at [technologycouncil.com](http://technologycouncil.com).

**The 2010 Nashville Technology Awards Finalists are as follows:**

***CIO of the Year, Sponsored by KPMG***

- Mark Gilliam - Ardent Health Services
- Linda Goodspeed - Nissan North America
- Gary Seay - Community Health Systems

***CISO of the Year, Sponsored by Core BTS***

- Jeff Cobb - Ingenix, AIM Healthcare
- Paul Connelly - HCA
- Bill Dieringer - Ardent Health Services

***CTO of the Year, Sponsored by Vaco***

- Tim Borden - HP
- Eric Harrison - Community Health Systems

***Green Award, Sponsored by HealthSpring***

- HP
- LetterLogic, Inc.

***Innovator of the Year, Sponsored by Healthcare Productivity Automation***

- Cliff Duffey - Cybera
- Tim Smith - MyWerx

***IT Student of the Year, Sponsored by HP***

- Jeffrey Boyland - TSU
- Matt Lefavor - Belmont University

***Social Media/Blogger of the Year, Sponsored by RJ Young***

- Scott Gordon- Vaco Technology
- Dan Ryan- The Human Capital Group

***Software Programmer/Engineer of the Year, Sponsored by Comcast Business Solutions***

- John Boyter, - BMI
- Josh Crews – Change: Healthcare
- Mike Jones - Teknetex
- Nick Williams - PureSafety

***Start-Up Company of the Year, Sponsored by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC***

- DBSync, LLC
- Demolition Derby League
- Taigan

***Volunteer of the Year, Sponsored by HCA***

- Eugene Batsuk - Willis North America
- John Kepley - Teknetex

***2010 Technology Company of the Year, Sponsored by XO Communications***

- AIM Healthcare (UnitedHealth Group)
- Ardent Health Services
- Change:Healthcare
- Community Health Systems
- Cybera
- DBSync, LLC
- Demolition Derby League
- Hewlett Packard (HP)
- Healthcare Corporation of America (HCA)
- LetterLogic, Inc.
- MyWerx, Inc.
- Nissan North America
- Online Health
- PureSafety
- Taigan
- Teknetex
- The Human Capital Group
- Vaco Technology

**About the Nashville Technology Council**

The Nashville Technology Council, an affiliate of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, is an exclusive, 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization devoted to helping the Middle Tennessee technology community succeed. Membership is open to technology companies, technology employers, service providers, educational institutions, and non-profit companies interested in supporting the growth of technology business in Middle Tennessee. Since its formation in 1999, membership has grown to more than 400 organizations. New programs and events such as technology roundtables, educational initiatives, annual technology conferences, a technology job board and other activities are designed to foster Nashville's technology industry. For more information, visit [www.technologycouncil.com](http://www.technologycouncil.com)

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