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NTC Secures Mark Rowan as 2011 Technology Gala Speaker

Griffin President Mark Rowan agrees to keynote for Technology Awards Gala

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – October 6, 2011 – The [Nashville Technology Council](#) today announced that Mark Rowan, President of [Griffin Technology](#), will be the keynote speaker at the [2011 Technology Awards Gala](#). The Gala, which features a “red carpet” entrance, VIP reception, dinner and presentation of 12 prestigious awards, is being held on October 27th at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Downtown Nashville.

Liza Lowery Massey, President and CEO of Nashville Technology Council, commented, “We are delighted that Mark agreed to join us at the Gala and make our keynote remarks. He is a delightful, creative person who typifies success in Nashville’s tech community.”

Among the awards are recognition of individuals as CIO, CTO, CISO, Programmer/Engineer, IT Student, and Innovator of the Year, with organizations being recognized for their efforts in being green and promoting the use of technology. NTC also recognizes a member of the tech community for volunteerism. Awards presented at the Gala include Start-up Company of the Year and Social Media Person of the Year. The Technology Lifetime Achievement award rounds out the event by recognizing an individual who has made significant contributions that have a lasting impact on the technology field.

“It’s a great honor to be invited to speak at the Awards Gala,” said Mark Rowan, President of Griffin Technology. “I look forward to sharing some thoughts on the current tech climate and exploring how Nashville’s tech community will help shape the future.”

This year’s Gala is sponsored by [XO Communications](#). In addition to individual award sponsors, [Lincoln](#) is sponsoring the Gala’s VIP Reception and [tw telecom](#) is sponsoring the After Party.

The Nashville Technology Council is a nonprofit 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 businesses and those businesses that rely on technology in Middle Tennessee. To learn more, visit www.technologycouncil.com.

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