

Ontario's CIO, David Nicholl, to receive prestigious Leadership Award for 2010 Medal to be presented at the Distinction Awards Gala on October 4, 2010

September 7, 2010 - Ottawa, ON— The Leadership Medal at the Distinction Awards are an affirmation that one person really can make a difference even within a large IT organization or project. As leaders, nominees will have inspired and mobilized the energies and talents of others to work toward the achievement of the shared goals and objectives of their organization, and the citizens it serves.

This October 4, the Distinction Awards will present the 2010 Leadership Award to David Nicholl, the Corporate Chief Information and Information Technology Officer of the Government of Ontario. Mr. Nicholl has held several positions in the Ontario government since 2002, but also worked as an analyst in Ontario, early in his career. As Corporate CIO and Information Technology Officer, he leads a large team of departmental CIOs as a senior executive within the Ministry of Government Services.

Kevin d'Entremont, Executive Director of the Awards, said: "The Government of Ontario has itself been an IT leader, and recognized with many Distinction Awards in the past, for modernizing corporate tax administration, designing more seamless e-government services, and more. Ontario projects won 4 Distinction Awards in 2009 and seven projects are being honoured again this year." He went on to say that: "while his government has been successfully modernizing and consolidating its own systems, David Nicholl has openly shared Ontario's common experiences and lessons learned with other jurisdictions, to create helpful benchmarks for all Canadian public sector organizations."

The 2010 leadership medal recognizes David Nicholl for mobilizing his peers to succeed in Ontario to help other jurisdictions to also succeed in serving Canadians better through information and technology.

The 2010 Distinction Awards Gala is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year for public servants. To be held at the National Gallery of Canada on October 4, 2010, the Gala will be attended by over 500 executives from government and industry, plus our finalists and departments heads from across Canada.

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More information on about the Distinction Awards can be found [here](#)

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