

APPRECIATION AWARD

Nominee's Name: Mr. Bradley DeRoos

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Bradley G. DeRoos, Director of Technology Research for the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, has displayed exceptional efforts to improve the effectiveness of tech transfer with federal laboratories with a focus on Naval laboratories. The primary services that Brad has offered to the FLC community are centered on the development of Navy TechMatch for the Office of Naval Research (ONR). Navy TechMatch is an advanced automated web-based system that alerts government laboratories, industry, and academia of technology needs and opportunities identified by the U.S. Navy. The system also allows industry, academia, and other government partners to quickly communicate with ORTAs at the laboratories, and the site captures technology transfer success stories which serve to illustrate to industry the benefits of working with the Naval laboratories

As the Director for Technology Research, Brad has provided the energy and vision for developing the advanced Navy TechMatch system for ONR. Brad has spent endless hours networking with the FLC community to develop FLC requirements and to design the system for maximum utility. In addition to providing senior management for the Navy TechMatch program, Brad has directed the team of software engineers, program analysts and coordinators who designed, constructed, and implemented Navy TechMatch with its many highly advanced IT functions.

Brad has made it a priority for TechMatch to perform the dual functions of technology transfer and technology transition – moving vital technology both into and out of the Navy. During the development of Navy TechMatch, Brad continued to keep the stakeholders and customers in the fore of the program, directing the development of an intuitive, automated, easy to use internet tool that provides academis, industry and government with solutions to their challenging “real world” technical problems. Brad has worked diligently with the Technology Transfer Managers from a number of the Navy’s Research and Development laboratories located across the United States to meet their needs. Through personal interviews and conversations with these managers, Brad developed definitive needs and requirements that are integral to the functions of the Navy TechMatch system.

Brad has combined his vision for an automated technology transfer and transition system with yeoman effort and diligence to create an automated system that greatly enhances the technology business among industry, academia and the federal laboratories. Brad’s efforts, the huge initial success of Navy TechMatch, and his energy and vision bode well for a strong future for technology transfer and transition in the federal government.