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West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation Wins Awards

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Federal Laboratory Consortium this year presented its Regional Industry Award to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation.

The Regional Laboratory Award was granted in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote the federal technology transfer program during the past 12 months. It was made on September 16 at the region's annual meeting.

The West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation recently launched an Internet portal – www.navytechmatch.com – that is designed to foster the transfer of technology out of government laboratories and also among organizations (Navy, Industry, and Academia). The site has already proved to be invaluable to Navy ORTAs who need quick access to information on their IP holdings and Industry users who are trying to improve their knowledge base and working relationship with the Navy.

The Navy TechMatch Internet portal development effort was noteworthy in that the design requirements were generated through the careful consideration of the needs of the Navy ORTAs, candidate industry and government partners, and the Office of Naval Research. Over 30 well-documented interviews were conducted to support the generation of detailed system design requirements and a comprehensive outreach effort was carried out.

Since the Phase I launch, the site has been used extensively by the Navy ORTAs as a tool to help them manage their technology transfer and technology management activities.

In addition, Bradley G. DeRoos was awarded the Regional Appreciation Award for his significant contributions to the Federal technology transfer program.

Bradley G. DeRoos, 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. 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.

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.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium is comprised of the technology transfer offices of all of the Federal laboratories throughout the country while its Mid-Atlantic Region focuses on the 70 Federal laboratories in DC, DE, MD, PA, VA and WV.