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DFW SIM CHAPTER ANNOUNCES 2008 IT EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR—Mr. MICHAEL E. ALVERSON, TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES

The Dallas Ft Worth Chapter of the Society for Information Management (DFW SIM Chapter) is pleased to announce its 2008 winner of the IT Executive of the Year Award, Mr. Michael E. Alverson, Vice President and Deputy CIO Innovative Technology Solutions (ITS), Texas Health Resources (THR). THR, the “new” hospital network in town is a 13-hospital network located in the North Texas region and among the 10 largest not-for-profit healthcare systems in the country.

Mike is responsible for the operational functions of THR information technology department. He has led activities to centralize the IT activities in several THR hospitals, increasing the efficiency of services. Mike reports to Edward Marx, CIO at THR.

Several of the more salient criteria for this award include: 1) Creative use of IT to strengthen the competitive position of their organization; 2) Improve the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of IT/IS services; 3) elevate IT to a proactive role in the organization’s overall strategic plan; 4) demonstrate exceptional leadership skills.
Throughout Mike’s 18 year tenure with THR, the ITS Department has consistently earned nationwide recognition for its IT initiatives, many of which have been under Mike’s leadership. During 2008, THR received the Most Wired Supply Chain Innovator award for an in-house web developed application to automate their capital submission and approval processes, which significantly reduced costs and time to project completion. THR has been named by Hospital & Health Networks a Top 100 Most Wired winner 7 of the past 8 years, including each of the last three years.

Furthermore, during 2008, THR was ranked 47 in the Information Week Top 250 Innovators list; and was listed as one of Computerworld’s 100 Best Places to work in IT.

Exceptional leadership within the IT community is a most common characteristic of all past IT EOY winners and Mike is no exception. 2009 marks Mike’s 10th Anniversary as a member of the DFW SIM chapter. He has served on the Board of Directors for most of those years. He was the President of the DFW SIM Chapter during 2005-2006, and has just completed his 2-year term as immediate past president of the DFW SIM chapter. Mike believes strongly in giving back to the profession and developing younger MIS leaders. He is a frequent speaker at the local HIMSS chapter (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society); CHIME (College of Healthcare Information Management Executives), the RLF(Regional Learning Forum) programs of the DFW SIM Chapter, and has lectured at SMU and at University of North Texas. Mike is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Texas in Arlington, teaching MIS. Mike is a proud alumnus of the United States Military Academy at West Point and serves on U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson’s Service Academy Selection Committee for West Point. He also has Masters degrees from Arizona State and American University.

Mike has been married to Laura for 39 years and has two children: Brian and Virginia.

History of the Award
The IT Executive of the Year Award was established by the DFW SIM Chapter in 1998 to recognize excellence in IT management within the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Any IT
Executive within the DFW area is eligible for the award. One does not need to be a SIM member.

Initially only one winner per year was selected; however, between 2003 -2006, multiple awards were selected based upon the size of the IT organization—Large or Midsize Organizations (100 Person IT Shop). In 2007 we returned to the one overall-winner format. Only 17 individuals have received this award.

The basic scoring formula has not changed since the awards inception. An independent panel of judges rates the nominees according to 7 BASIC Performance Criteria. Included among these criteria are:

1) Demonstrate creative use of IT to strengthen the competitive position of their organization;
2) Improve the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of IT/IS services;
3) Elevate IT to a proactive role in the organization’s overall strategic plan…and
4) Demonstrate uncommon leadership within the IT community

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More information about the award is available at on the chapter’s website:
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