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PA Justice Network Earns 2012 Computerworld Honors Laureate

Harrisburg – For the second year in a row, the Pennsylvania Justice Network, or JNET, has been named a Laureate by IDG’s Computerworld Honors Program. The awards recognize organizations that use information technology to promote positive social, economic and educational change.

Nearly 40,000 police officers and other criminal justice professionals use JNET to access information from state, federal and local data sources through a secure web portal. Computerworld honored JNET for its use of facial recognition technology to aid law enforcement in the identification of criminal suspects.

“The ability to quickly identify unknown suspects or witnesses is critical to getting potentially dangerous or wanted criminals off our streets,” said David Naisby, executive director of JNET. “The JNET facial recognition system is unique in that it uses two separate algorithms to analyze facial features and return potential matches from a database of more than 3.5 million criminal booking photographs.”

“Through the adoption of innovative concepts, cost-effective business practices and ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders, JNET has grown into an internationally recognized platform for integrated justice services,” said Pennsylvania Chief Information Officer George White. “We are honored that Computerworld has again chosen to recognize JNET for its outstanding work.”

Last year, Computerworld recognized JNET for its federated address search, which allows users to search addresses housed in different systems via a single inquiry. Previously, users had to enter an address into each system separately and compare the results from each.

To learn more about JNET, visit www.pajnet.state.pa.us.

Computerworld received more than 500 nominations from around the globe for the 2012 Honors Program. The 200 Laureates were selected by a panel of leading information technology company chairmen and CEOs. To learn more, visit www.cwhonors.org.

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