

Alan Shark Named Technology Champion by NASCIO

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The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) awarded Alan Shark, CEO and executive director of the Public Technology Institute, with the association's annual Technology Champion award, according to a Friday, May 11, announcement.

Shark was acknowledged for his efforts and contributions toward improving IT solutions, policies and practices. He received the award during NASCIO's Midyear Conference from May 8 to 11 in Baltimore.

"Alan has championed and practiced excellence in technology-enabled management and good government. He strives to improve state CIOs' awareness of strategic IT issues and solutions, as well as identify and promote best practices and innovations among the states," said Dugan Petty, NASCIO's president and Oregon's CIO, in a statement.

The Public Technology Institute, the organization Shark leads, draws its membership from local government executives and elected officials, and supports research, education, consulting and recognition programs.

Shark serves as one of nine state and local government advisers to the Commission on the Leadership Opportunity in U.S. Deployment of the Cloud – State and Local Government (known as the CLOUD2/SLG Commission), a group of industry executives helping to formulate recommendations and best practices for cloud computing implementation in state and local government.

NASCIO awards the Technology Champion every year to an individual who promotes excellence in both technology and government. Last year, NASCIO awarded both [Aneesh Chopra and Vivek Kundra](#), the former Obama administration officials who were named the nation's first U.S. CTO and CIO, respectively.