

State CIOs Honor Federal IT Leaders for Technology and Government Excellence

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Federal CIO Vivek Kundra and Federal Chief Technology Officer Aneesh Chopra were honored for their efforts to promote government performance excellence through technology at the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) Midyear Conference on Friday, May 6, in Washington, D.C.

The organization recognized the two technology leaders with its annual NASCIO Technology Champion award. Kundra and Chopra were spotlighted for their work in using technology to further transparency and efficiency at the federal level and for reaching out to state and local government partners.



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Kundra and Chopra have championed ways to streamline government technology implementations and embrace open data and cloud computing since they were appointed to their posts in March and April 2009, respectively.



Federal Chief Technology Officer Aneesh Chopra

In addition to his [25 Point Implementation Plan](#) to address technology issues in government, Kundra has been leading the charge to migrate data to the cloud. In

addition, he revealed that 137 of the nation's 2,000-plus data centers would be [consolidated](#) by the end of 2011.

The NASCIO Technology Champion award is given to acknowledge those who promote excellence in both technology and good government. Nominees may be elected or appointed officials in federal, state or local government, academics, authors, journalists, or individuals from nonprofit organizations or private businesses. Current state CIOs and people employed by corporate members of NASCIO are not eligible.

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