Jill Singer, NRO Chief Information Officer, Receives Prestigious CIO Breakaway Leader Award

On September 10, Ms. Jill Singer, NRO Chief Information Officer (CIO), received the Global CIO Community's prestigious 2012 Breakaway Leaders Award. Ms. Singer was one of 10 CIOs from across industry and government receiving accolades at this year's Global CIO Executive Summit held in Aspen, Colorado.

The *Top 10 Breakaway Leaders Awards* recognize high-performing CIOs who are revolutionizing their company's competitive position in the evolving economy through visionary leadership and business transformation.   The winners of the *Top 10 Breakaway Leaders Awards* are determined by combined input of an independent panel of judges and a peer-based voting process.

 "Jill is not only an integral member of our leadership team, but more importantly, she has been the champion of our effort to transform our Information Technology enterprise," said Director of the National Reconnaissance Office Betty Sapp. "Jill's passion and dedication to improving our IT enterprise have been key to the significant advances that have been made at the NRO. She has used her understanding of our mission and her experience in the IT community to help the NRO see and achieve improvements that others didn't think possible."

Ms. Singer was appointed the NRO CIO in January 2010.   Prior to joining the NRO, Ms. Singer served as the Deputy CIO for the Central Intelligence Agency. She has served in several senior leadership positions within the Federal Government including Director of the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service, U.S. Department of State and Chief of Systems Engineering, Architecture, and Planning for CIA's global infrastructure organization. She has held industry positions with Science Applications International Corporation, Inc. (SAIC), GE Aerospace, and IBM. She received her master's degree in Systems Analysis and bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of West Florida. She is a graduate of several leadership programs including the Federal Executive Leadership Program and the University of Virginia's (UVA) Executive Leaders Program.

Ms. Singer's other awards include the Top Ten Women in Cloud (2012); Ten Most Powerful Women in Federal Technology (2011); CIA Mentor of the Year (2010); CIO Executive Council "Ones to Watch" (2010); and CIO Magazine Stand-Out Award for Collaboration and Influence (2010).

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