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# TBTF honors annual technology innovators

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When it comes to the top chief information officers in the Tampa Bay region, hats off this year goes to Eric Williams.

Williams, the executive vice president of Catalina Marketing Corp. in St. Petersburg, was named the top chief information officer at the fourth annual Tampa Bay Technology Forum Industry Achievement Awards Thursday night at Tampa's A la Carte Event Pavilion. He was chosen from nominees that include Brian Roulstone from Bisk Education Inc. and Dusty Williams of OSI Restaurant Partners.

Catalina itself was up for a second award, quantum leap technology of the year, but that honor was given to Eclipse Energy Systems Inc. Also up for that award was Bradenton's city government.

"The winners of the 2007 Industry Achievement Awards represent the remarkable diversity and innovative capacity of Tampa Bay's technology industry," said Amy Norman, president and chief executive of TBTF, in a release. "Our judges had a very difficult time selecting the winners from among such an accomplished group of finalists in each category."

Other winners named Thursday night included Idatix as emerging company of the year, IC Intracom for innovation of the year, and Utek Corp. as professional services company of the year.

Syniverse Technologies was honored with the community outreach award for the company's commitment to equipping local youth with computer labs and the science, technology, engineering and math skills required to pursue careers in high technology.

Other nominees recognized were Digital Hands and Network Liquidators for emerging technology; Florida Learning Curve Inc. and Ultramatics for innovation of the year; and Peak 10 and SkillStorm for professional services company.

The Tampa Bay Technology Forum is a professional association that includes 425 members representing more than 45,000 employees in the technology industry.

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