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COUNTY EXECUTIVE WINS NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Nick Macchione, Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Director, Selected for "Federal 100" Honor by Federal Computer Week Magazine

A national magazine has selected Nick Macchione, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Deputy Director, as a winner of its highly competitive **Federal 100** award.

The award is presented annually by Federal Computer Week magazine to 100 top executives throughout the nation from government, industry and academia, who had a significant impact on the government IT community in 2006. The awards ceremony takes place March 26 in McLean, VA.

Macchione was chosen for his innovative work in leading business process reengineering in the delivery of health care to women and children. He led a county team to develop the Mobile Remote Workforce (MRW) initiative, a cutting-edge Web-based referral system that uses new methods of information technology to streamline the day-to-day work of case managers and nurses serving at-risk families. Also, significant cost-savings was accomplished with this project.

"It is everyone at HHS and our community partners, including hospitals, community clinics, and schools, who dedicated their time and energy into making MRW a countywide success for our patients and communities," Macchione said. "Also, the County General Management System led by CAO Walt Ekard, helped guide us with MRW's successful implementation. Once again, the County Board of Supervisors and CAO Ekard are the ones to be recognized with this award. It's their strategic leadership and system-wide innovation that supports county staff in spearheading cost-effective business solutions, like MRW, in finding ways to better serve county residents", he said.

The Federal 100 Awards are chosen by an independent panel of judges. According to Christopher Dorobek, Editor in Chief, Federal Computer Week, Macchione was selected "because of the difference (he) made in the way agencies and companies develop, acquire, manage and use information technology."

Last year, Macchione won the Rising Star award from Federal Computer Week, and two "Best of California" awards for project leadership and IT innovation from the Center for Digital Government.

Mobile Remote Workforce, initiated in February 2005 as a business process re-engineering project, was designed to improve and modernize the work that San Diego County public health nurses do, using web-based technology and electronic tablets. MRW makes it possible for public health nurses to spend more time with clients, which benefits pregnant women, and infants at risk of health complications.

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