

FUTREND's Jeff Zhong Receives 2011 NIH Director's Award

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VIENNA, VA (August 11, 2011) – Futrend Technology, Inc.'s Chief Technology Officer, Jeff Zhong, was selected by the National Institutes of Health's Director, Dr. Francis S. Collins, to receive the 2011 NIH Director's Award on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. The NIH Director's Award is presented to individuals who "have gone beyond the call of duty in a wide range of fields, including research, clinical care, mentoring, administration, and many more. Their achievements ... exemplify the spirit of excellence at NIH."

Working with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2007, FUTREND has been a known quantity within the agency. FUTREND's technical team has been providing NIH with specialized knowledge and expertise and has demonstrated proven success in excellent Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) and web services, and IT O&M support. The expert team has successfully delivered two e-Commerce portals: POTS and the NIH Clinical Center Reimbursement Center. FUTREND aims to make sure that NIH systems work the way NIH needs, guaranteeing its continuous efficiency and preventing failures and shut downs, as well as providing immediate reactions to any issue in a professional, timely manner.

As the Chief Web Services Architect for the NIH Financial Systems Integration project, Mr. Zhong advised NIH management to adopt and extend the NIH eTravel Service-Oriented Architecture and to reuse existing software components and services. He also developed and deployed some of the key transaction processing components to support grant system integration. FUTREND's proven success in NIH eTravel financial integration significantly reduced risks and development costs for grants/financial integration due to service quality and reusability.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, Jeff Zhong was invited to the 2011 NIH Director's Award at the Ruth L. Kirschstein Auditorium at the Natcher Conference Center to receive recognition for his tremendous hard work at NIH. He accepted the award as a member of the NIH Financial Systems Integration Project, nominated by the Office of the Director. Dr. Collins sent his congratulatory acknowledgment for Jeff's "outstanding accomplishments, which have brought special credit and distinction to [himself] and the NIH."

Putting FUTREND on the map through his dedication and endless efforts, "Jeff bestows a high honor to the entire FUTREND Team," FUTREND CEO, Jerry Zhou praises. With the help of his team, Jeff paves the way, leading FUTREND's endeavors in becoming a well-known entity in the Federal Government's IT world.

Congratulations, Jeff!