



GTRA & HTRAC Announce New Changes to the Council and Technology Advisory Board

December 15, 2014 - The Government Technology Research Alliance (GTRA) and the HealthTech Research Advisory & Council (HTRAC) announce new changes to the Council and Technology Advisory Board.

Jaci Baum Vilardo, Vice President of Corporate Strategy at Lookingglass, has been nominated to lead the Technology Advisory Board as the Chair for New Solutions for GTRA & HTRAC. "2015 promises to be a big year of growth for the GTRA and HTRAC Technology Advisory Board," said Baum Vilardo, "Collaboration within government, industry and emerging technologies through the GTRA and HTRAC Technology Advisory Council will provide a neutral environment for enhanced information sharing and communication. I look forward to working with all the elite security leaders and the council to bring focus to new security solutions and venue for participation and partnering.

GTRA also announces the promotion of Jessica Renaud to Vice President of Professional Development, GTRA & HTRAC. Jessica's wealth of experience and key relationships helped launch the organization in 2002, and have played a key role in the progression of excellence of GTRA & HTRAC programs. "I look forward to working with all of our constituent groups to further optimize innovation and efficiencies in their organizations through enhancing the collaboration and insights experienced at our council meetings." said Renaud.

GTRA saw an influx of new security technology innovators this year such as SkyHigh Networks, Bromium, NetIQ, Lookingglass, Securonix, Tanium and IronNet Cyber Security led by Gen Keith Alexander. "It has been so rewarding working with so many innovative security solution providers, and watching the collaboration between them and government's top chief security officer's. We are truly shaping tomorrow's security solutions to cyber threats." said Deborah Kay, Co-Founder & VP, Member Relations, GTRA & HTRAC.

GTRA also announces its newest addition, Krystie Caraballo, Manager of the new Ambassador Program for passionate executives who want to be more active with GTRA and HTRAC, serving as panel moderators, speaking engagements, networking at other industry events on GTRA and HTRAC's behalf, as well as getting new council members involved. "I am incredibly honored and humbled to be part of such a forward-thinking and innovative organization," said Caraballo, "My goal for 2015 is to focus on engaging our nation's leading technology thought leaders and getting more Ambassadors to join GTRA and HTRAC in our crusade to securing our critical infrastructure through innovative technology providers."

After many years of producing top-notch programs and working with our esteemed council, we are proud to announce Parham Eftekhari, EVP GTRA Research is embarking on a new venture in the legislative realm of cyber security. "I am honored to have played a role in building GTRA and HTRAC, and will forever be indebted to my colleagues who gave me so many wonderful opportunities and memories," said Eftekhari, "I am especially grateful to Kelly Yocum, who had the vision and passion to conceptualize, launch and develop what is now the premiere federal and healthcare CIO/CISO collaboration forum in the industry. I am excited to continue to actively support GTRA and HTRAC in an advisory role, while guiding the legislative community in my new role as Senior Fellow at ICIT."

"I am humbled and overwhelmed at the amazing talent surrounding me in this organization," said

Kelly Yocum, Co-Founder & Executive Director, GTRA & HTRAC, "I am passionate about leading this organization's mission and bringing the best-of-breed solutions in security, big data, cloud, software, apps and mobile solutions to government, healthcare, energy, finance and biotech vertical markets. 2015 is going to be a very exciting year of growth, innovation, and many new exciting leaders on the Council and Technology Advisory Board."

About GTRA: GTRA brings together executive-level government technology CIO/CISO/CTO/CXO thought leaders to collaborate, strategize, share best practices and lessons learned, and create innovative solutions. The elite invitation-only semi-annual GTRA Technology Council Meetings address the topics identified through research with the Government Council and Technology Advisory Board. Founded in 2002, GTRA has been bridging the gap between government and technology, driving innovative trends, and providing one of the most well-known peer-to-peer forum, resulting in actionable government-wide strategic plans and cutting-edge solutions. Through a unique collaborative methodology, GTRA is revolutionizing the way government does business.

About HTRAC: HTRAC is a parallel spin-off organization to the well-known and widely respected Government Technology Research Alliance (GTRA). HTRAC brings together executive-level healthcare technology CIO/CISO/CTO/CXO thought leaders to collaborate, strategize, share best practices and lessons learned, and create innovative solutions. The elite invitation-only semi-annual HTRAC Technology Council Meetings address the topics identified through research with the Healthcare Council and Technology Advisory Board. Founded in 2009, HTRAC has been bridging the gap between healthcare and technology, driving innovative trends, and providing one of the most well-known peer-to-peer forum, resulting in actionable healthcare-wide strategic plans and cutting-edge solutions. Through a unique collaborative methodology, HTRAC is revolutionizing the way healthcare does business.

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