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Interagency Award of Merit Presented to Science.gov

(Oak Ridge, Tennessee)—CENDI, a 12-agency federal information managers' group, has awarded its second annual Award of Meritorious Service to a four-person, interagency team responsible for "the establishment, growth, and success of Science.gov." Team members cited are Sharon Jordan and Valerie Allen, both of the Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information; Jean Bowers, National Technical Information Service; and Ken Lanfear, U.S. Geological Survey. The team has been central to the creation and ongoing development of this federal science portal (www.science.gov). The 3.0 version was launched in November with a sophisticated method for ranking science queries across 30 deep web scientific databases and 1,800 Web sites.

CENDI presents the Award of Meritorious Service annually to an individual or team who has made a noteworthy contribution to CENDI and to federal interagency cooperation. Through this award, CENDI recognizes the Science.gov team for its work to create a tool that provides online public access to a wealth of government science information without regard to agency of origin. It advances the President's management agenda to make the results of the federal government's investment in scientific research much easier for the public to access.

Dr. Elliot Siegel, Associate Director for Health Information Programs Development at the National Library of Medicine, and chair of the CENDI awards program, noted that the group was cited for leadership and commitment to developing Science.gov. "Because of the team's extraordinary efforts, Science.gov has emerged as an important tool for promoting science literacy and empowering our nation's citizens with ready access to the billions of dollars of research and development funded each year by the federal government."

Dr. Walter Warnick, chair of CENDI and director of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information, said that "CENDI's credo has long been to make sure science information is shared." He added, "Science.gov is a shining example of that effort, and we are proud to

honor these team members for their outstanding accomplishments.”

Headquartered in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, CENDI is an interagency working group of senior scientific and technical information (STI) managers from 12 U.S. federal agencies. Member agencies represent over 96% of the federal research and development budget. The CENDI Secretariat is managed by Information International Associates under the direction of Bonnie C. Carroll. More information about CENDI can be found at www.cendi.gov.

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