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Photo Release – Neil Siegel Honored with Chief Technology Officer Innovator Award
from Northern Virginia Technology Council/*Washington Technology*

MCLEAN, Va., – 17 November, 2011 – Neil G. Siegel, vice-president and chief engineer, Northrop Grumman Information Systems (NYSE: NOC) was honored with the 2011 Government Contractor Chief Technology Officer Innovator Award from the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC)/*Washington Technology* magazine. The award was presented on Nov. 14 during TechCelebration, the annual banquet of the NVTC, the largest technology council in the nation.

A photo accompanying this release is available at: <http://media.globenewswire.com/noc/>.

The award recognizes chief technology officers within the region’s government contracting community for their critical contributions to achieving results for their customers and leadership within their own companies.

Siegel was the “large company” award winner and was honored for demonstrating Northrop Grumman’s leadership in technical innovation to the Department of Defense. Most notably, Siegel led the creation of the Blue-Force Tracker system, a technical achievement that is saving warfighter lives and has made Northrop Grumman a recognized world leader in battlefield digitization.

“Neil embodies the persona of great innovators who are devoted to life-long learning, encouraging innovation among young professionals, and most notably, driven to produce solutions that improve our customer’s mission,” said Linda Mills, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Information Systems. “Neil’s achievements have played a pivotal role in increasing military effectiveness and his vision has laid the foundation for all future network-centric land combat technology developments. I congratulate Neil on this most deserved honor.”

Siegel is being honored for his pioneering work that led to the introduction of information technology directly onto the battlefield through the creation of Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2), also known as Blue-Force Tracker (BFT). Deployed in its newest version this year, BFT has significantly increased U.S. Army and Marine Corps combat effectiveness and saved hundreds of soldier lives. Neil is also being recognized for his efforts to cultivate the next generation of technical innovators and for developing process baseline techniques to improve systems engineering and large-scale software development.

Siegel is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and has received numerous awards for his professional achievements including the prestigious Simon Ramo Medal for systems engineering and induction into the U.S. Army Order of Saint Barbara. He is also an IEEE Fellow, an honor revered in the technical world and the association's highest grade of membership.

In his present role, Siegel leads the sector's technology and engineering group where he oversees 14,000-plus engineering professionals, and is responsible for spearheading development of engineering solutions for customers' most complex and important problems. Siegel also leads engineering process improvement, oversees research programs and organizes the development of the company's top technical talent.

The Northern Virginia Technology Council is the membership and trade association for the technology community in Northern Virginia. NVTC serves about 1,000 companies from all sectors of the technology industry, as well as service providers, universities, foreign embassies, non-profit organizations and governmental agencies.

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