

## CTC-Developed MERIT Wins Another Top Award



The Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania presented its "Best Application of Technology" award to the CTC-developed **Marine Corps Equipment Readiness Information Tool (MERIT)** at the council's 15th Annual Awards Gala in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

CTC created MERIT to help the Marine Corps measure materiel readiness in real time. MERIT transforms existing legacy data into valuable information that provides a dynamic, adaptable view of equipment readiness. Today, this first-of-its-kind equipment-readiness management tool is in use in every theater of USMC operations. U.S. Marines report that with MERIT, "what used to take days now takes minutes." The success of this product has led to CTC's development of at least seven additional decision-support tools for the U.S. Marine Corps Logistics Command.

"I nominated MERIT to the award process in November," said Greg Hafer, Manager, Navy Operational Logistics, who works at CTC's Harrisburg office. It made the cut to 20 nominees in its category, and I didn't know it pulled down the top prize until that evening at the awards gala."

Although Greg doesn't work on MERIT, several CTC Harrisburg staff are engaged on the effort. He has always been impressed with the success of MERIT and, as a member of the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania, the Harrisburg office is eager to support its mission.

Bob Joyce, Chair of the Technology Council Board of Directors and President of Versatile, Inc, noted, "Our award recipients, and all of this year's nominees for that matter, are shining examples of the great things taking place within our technology community. Selecting the winners was a daunting challenge in light of the many wonderful accomplishments of this year's nominees. Our region and state continue to demonstrate innovative strength and growth. Just a sampling of our outstanding nominees points to the fact that this region is at the forefront of cutting-edge technology and innovation."

This is the latest in a number of awards MERIT has earned. The unique decision-support tool has also won the following:

- Department of Defense Chief Information Officer 2004 Award
- Department of the Navy (DON) eGov 2004 Award
- Government Computing News – DoD Applications 2004
- Excellence in Government Top 25 Finalist, 2005

In 2006, the MERIT team was honored by the U.S. Marine Corps Logistics Command with the presentation of a U.S. flag that had been flown in Iraq at 12:00 AM on New Year's Day.