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GC Awards for Innovation 2008

SIFA UK have great pleasure in informing you that Mark Phillips (Chair), won the award for Innovation at the prestigious Government Computing Award Ceremony held at Madame Tussaud's on Thursday 24th April 2008.

He shared the Innovator of the Year accolade with Alastair Gilchrist, director of parking at Westminster City Council.



The GC Innovation Award winners 2008

Winners of the awards were presented by Michael White, assistant editor and political columnist for The Guardian. A full list of all winners can be found on the Government Computing website.

The GC Awards is the longest serving accolades in the field of public sector IT. Mark Say, Editor of GC magazine and chair of the judging panel, commented: "The breadth and quality of the entries we received shows the public sector is really committed to harnessing the power of technology in making itself more efficient and providing better services."

On receiving the award Mark Phillips said 'This is a great achievement and reflects where we've got to in the SIFA community, both here in the UK and internationally. Our principles of Governance, our transparency and our desire to put the individual learner and their experience of Education - and, potentially, other support systems - at the heart of our work is what has made this possible. I'm delighted to have been able to play my part in bringing all of this together and hope that it can be a milestone on the road to further progress.'

'Mark receiving this award reflects the thoughtful and cutting edge leadership he shows across the educational community in the UK', cites Dr. Larry Fruth II Executive Director of SIFA. 'The SIFA UK community is about providing real solutions to data identification, management, movement and utilization but most of all it is about the bigger picture – the community. Mark's leadership has made the creation of this community a reality.'

A full list of winners can be found at:

<http://www.kablenet.com/kqc.nsf/WebPagesFrontPage/gclInnovationAwards#?expandtab=lyrKB5>