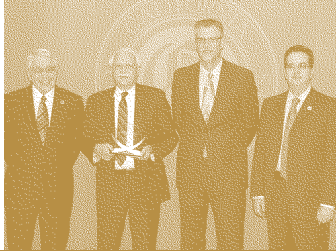


## CENIC CEO Recognized for Service to Community Colleges



CCC Chancellor Jack Scott, Jim Dolgonas, CCCCO's Patrick Perry, and CCC Board of Governors' Scott Himmelstein

Since 2000, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Technology Awards program has honored individual leaders who have identified and solved significant problems with ingenuity and resourcefulness. Through these awards, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office seeks to acknowledge individuals within or external to the California Community College System who have made significant contributions to the California Community College System.

In 2010, the California Community College System decided to honor CENIC President and CEO Jim Dolgonas with its CCC Chancellor's Office "Excellence in Technology Leadership" award.

As originally developed, the CCC system was not a part of CENIC. When Jim took over as COO in 2002, he quickly realized that the networking services procured by the CCC system could be easily aggregated under CENIC, thus providing CCCs with a much lower cost of operation and expanded bandwidth to all campuses. Thus in FY 2002-03, the CCCs were transitioned to CENIC.

Shortly thereafter, Jim requested that the CENIC Board add the Community College System as a full charter member. Since then, the CCCs have played a major role in the ongoing governance of CENIC.

Facing major budgetary challenges in 2009, the CCC system had its Telecommunications and Technology budget reduced from \$26 million to \$15 million. In response to this,

Jim developed an action plan to have all CCC circuit costs reduced by 50% by having them reimbursed through the CA Public Utility Commission's California Teleconnect Fund (CTF). This action alone moved \$5 million per year out of the CCC system budget and onto another funding source ongoing. A few years later, under Jim's vision and leadership, all CENIC backbone fees were moved to a 50% discount model supported by the CTF, saving another \$2 million annually.

Over the past decade, CCC district offices, campuses, and offsite centers have greatly benefited from excellent service, steadily increasing bandwidth, and increased network efficiency while greatly reducing the amount of CCC funds necessary to provide connectivity. Under Jim's leadership, the CCC system has been given equal access and governance rights and a key role in the network hierarchy. It is estimated that the CCC system has saved tens of millions of dollars in the past decade under Jim's leadership.

The Excellence in Technology Leadership Award recipients are nominated and selected by the members of the Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee (TTAC). Leadership Awards are selected on the basis of effective educational technology leadership at the institution, district, region or system level. Also considered, is the mentoring of other professionals, visionary achievements and effectiveness in identifying and advancing technology opportunities for the various needs of higher education.