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## **Howerton Selected As A “Rising Star” in the U.S. Government Information Technology Community *Recognition by Federal Computer Week Magazine***

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.** – Travis Howerton, Information Technology Specialist for the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Y-12 Site Office, has been selected as a “Rising Star” in the U.S. Government’s information technology community by **Federal Computer Week Magazine**.

Howerton will be featured in the August 18 issue of Federal Computer Week Magazine and will participate in an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in October. He is recognized for designing, developing, and implementing the Pegasus Information Management System--a unique information technology (IT) tool that manages all assessments, issues, correspondence, actions, and lessons learned associated with the management of the NNSA’s Y-12 National Security Complex. The Pegasus system has been selected as the NNSA corporate information system, which has resulted in increased integration between the NNSA sites and dramatically decreased reliance on paper to support the President’s e-government initiatives

Ted Sherry, Manager of the Y-12 Site Office, said, “We continue to be extremely proud of Travis’ contributions to the NNSA mission. His role in the development of Pegasus will enable NNSA to save millions of dollars in cost savings by eliminating redundant and obsolete systems and avoiding the cost of licensing fees associated with commercial systems. He is widely recognized as one of the most innovative employees at Y-12.”

As an IT specialist in the YSO Safeguards and Security (S&S) Division, Howerton is directly responsible for a \$125 million IT services contract at Y-12. He provides day-to-day oversight and evaluation of the contractor’s IT program. In addition, he manages the Y-12 Pegasus system that he developed and continues to play a critical role in supporting Pegasus roll-out to all NNSA sites and NNSA Headquarters. He also manages the Y-12 Design Basis Threat security program and serves as the S&S lead for security projects at Y-12.

Howerton began his federal career in 2005 after working as a software engineer for the Parallax Corporation, which provided support services for the Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge Office. He received a B.S. degree in organizational management from Tusculum College and a Masters degree in computer information systems from Boston University.

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Y-12 is a key facility in the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex and is responsible for ensuring the safety, reliability, and security of the nuclear weapons stockpile and serves as the nation's primary repository of highly enriched uranium. The Y-12 Site Office (YSO) is responsible for program oversight, contract and administrative management, and technical evaluation and assessment to meet this mission.

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