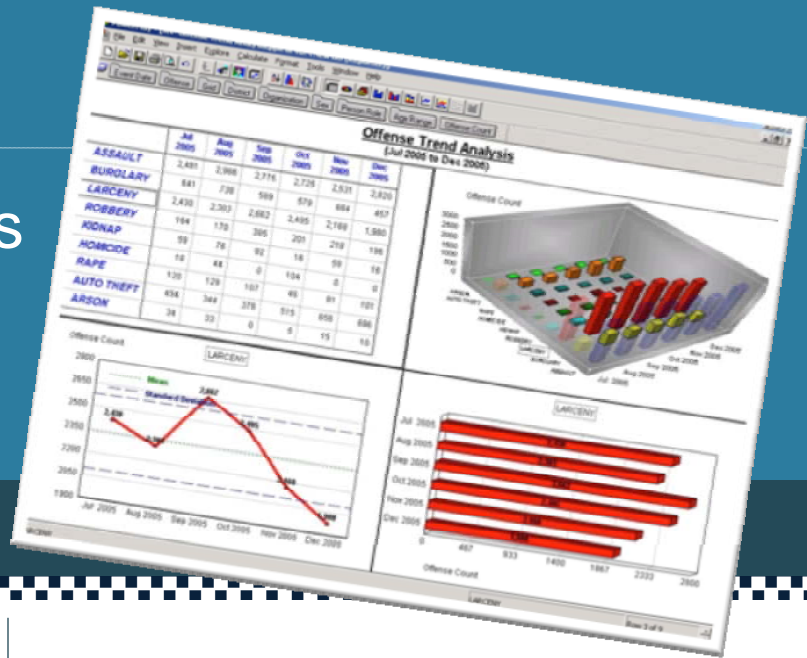


Versaterm Public Safety Innovation Award – 2012

Contest Rules



Important Dates 2012

- January 14 Contest Opens!
- April 15 Submission deadline. All submissions must be received by this date.
- May 15 Winners will be announced.

Send submissions to:
userconferenceinfo@versaterm.com

Contest Overview

This contest recognizes agencies that use Versadex product-related technology to solve problems and further their achievements in public safety and service to the community. We are looking for **INNOVATION!** The objective is to maintain and heighten involvement in the annual *Versadex User Conference* so that the conference remains relevant and useful to the clients who attend. It will showcase successes in your agency, and elevate the profile of your agency. **Your** successes should be shared and emulated.

This contest is aimed at:

1. Heightening your awareness that clients **can** present at the conference, and
2. Heightening your agency's awareness that **training and sharing best practices** is the purpose of the conference, and
3. Showcasing innovative measures taken in public safety organizations that use Versadex products.



Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Versaterm Public Safety Innovation Award you must be using Versaterm technology in your public safety organization. In addition, you must have used Versaterm technology (and perhaps technology from other suppliers) to solve a problem faced by your organization.

Project Submission

The end-user submits the completed contest form that outlines information about the project (the form can be found on the Versaterm web site). The submissions will be judged by the content of the forms. The contest opens on January 14 in the year of the conference, and the ***submission deadline is April 15***. The winners will be announced on May 15. The submission form contains sections as follows:

Definition of the Problem:

This section describes the problem that created the opportunity to apply Versadex technology. The problem and solution could be anything from problems experienced in a major investigation, to an emerging problem such as an increase in auto thefts, to decreasing response times to fires, to using CAD data to analyze patterns to make patrol more effective. The judges need to clearly understand the problem so that they understand the benefit of the solution.

Analysis and Solution:

This section describes the process you used to come to a solution. It could describe the steps you went through, the involvement of the technology branch and the end users, and the specific technology involved in the solution. What problems did you face in designing and implementing the solution (ex. resource shortages)? We are particularly interested in innovative ideas and approaches that provided solutions or changed processes. How would you describe the level of dedication shown by the project team?

“The WOW factor is the effectiveness of the solution”

Points will be given to results, not the sophistication of the solution (the WOW factor is the effectiveness of the solution).

Collaboration Efforts:

This section describes your collaboration and sharing efforts. Did you collaborate with Versaterm, other technology companies or other police / fire services in arriving at the final solution? Also, is the solution easily

adapted to other police or fire services? Can the innovation be easily shared? Have efforts been made to make it a sharable idea? Has another agency implemented the idea, or are they planning to implement it?

Results and Submission Details

Judging:

A small panel of agency-neutral judges will review all applications by May 15 in the year of the conference year and announce the winners. This is done early to allow the winners to make plans to attend the conference. The decision of the judges is final.

Results:

This section describes the results of your project. It documents how this project made the police or fire department/service more effective and how it impacted safety in your community or enhanced community service. All benefits are important - did the project save money or overtime, or provide information that made the front line responder safer? Include any unanticipated benefits that you experienced, such as benefits to public safety partners.

Submission Length:

Your submission must be a maximum of **three pages single-spaced**. This will keep both the submission and judging processes from being onerous. Up to five photographs may also be submitted. The “Background” page of the form is not included in the three-page count. Also, the italicized description text under each submission heading can be deleted from the form to maximize the usable space.

Submissions must follow the headings shown in the form.

Submission Life Cycle:

Submissions remain valid only for the year in which the submission is received; however, the same project could be resubmitted the following year. It is the responsibility of the agency to re-submit.



Prizes

The prizes are awarded to the agency, and therefore, the agency shall determine who will attend the conference and make a presentation.

First Prize:

All expenses for two people to attend the conference (Versaterm-paid conference registration, flight, hotel and food allowance). A plaque will be presented to the agency/individual recognizing the benefits to public safety and the community. The Agency will do a presentation showcasing the accomplishment at the upcoming Versadex Conference. The project will be featured in the Versaterm newsletter.

Second Prize:

Conference Registration for two. The Agency will do a presentation showcasing the accomplishment at the upcoming Versadex Conference. The project will be featured in the Versaterm newsletter.

Third Prize:

Conference Registration for one. The Agency will do a presentation showcasing the accomplishment at the upcoming Versadex Conference. The project will be featured in the Versaterm newsletter.



Achieving a Win!



This is an international contest. Submitting a winning entry is an achievement worth celebrating. It shows that your organization is progressive and is using technology to become more effective and efficient. Such a win is worthy of presentation to the ***Police Services Board or other Oversight Body.***