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ELLUMEN HONORED AS FINALIST IN VIRGINIA HEALTHCARE INNOVATOR AWARDS

Company Earns Recognition for Innovative Health Information Exchange Architecture

Arlington, VA - Tuesday, April 5, 2011 - [Ellumen](#), a leading provider of health IT services and expert solutions, today announced it was named a finalist in the Virginia Healthcare Innovators Awards program, in the “Health Information Technology” category. The Virginia Healthcare Innovators Awards recognizes Virginia organizations that have developed innovative ways to improve healthcare quality and efficiency. Ellumen was selected for its work architecting the world’s largest [health information exchange](#) for the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Ellumen’s experts have been at the forefront of [healthcare information technology](#) for the last decade and are the architects and engineers behind the VA and DoD’s award winning Bi-Directional Health Information Exchange (BHIE). The largest functioning health information exchange in the world, BHIE facilitates sharing of millions of sensitive electronic medical records for more than 15 million beneficiaries, accessed by healthcare professionals and doctors within and across private and public organizations around the nation and overseas. The company is also responsible for architecting and deploying the first bi-directional [medical imaging](#) sharing capability between the VA and DoD.

“Ellumen is honored to be recognized as a Virginia Healthcare Innovator in health information technology,” commented William McCollough, CEO at Ellumen. “We are committed and will continue to provide innovative solutions and expert services that further drive meaningful use and outcomes-based quality healthcare for all patients.”

Healthcare organizations are striving to meet new [healthcare initiatives](#) such as the Direct Project (formerly named Nationwide Health Information Network) and the virtual lifetime electronic medical record (VLER) for all military members from active duty through retirement. The Obama administration is offering incentives upwards of \$20 billion in federal stimulus funds to boost adoption of such health IT programs, but government and private health care organizations are challenged by modernizing internally and then connecting externally with outside organizations while ensuring sensitive, personal medical records are kept private and secure.

This was the inaugural Virginia Healthcare Innovators Awards program, which was sponsored by prominent organizations in healthcare such as HIMSS, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the Virginia Biotechnology Association. The program event was held on March 29 at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond, Va. For more information about Virginia Healthcare Innovators: <http://www.virginiahealthcareinnovators.org/>.

About Ellumen Inc.

Ellumen, an innovative provider of IT services and solutions for federal and commercial health enterprises, specializes in the integration of electronic health records, clinical and business applications, and digital medical imaging within and across organizational boundaries. Architects of the bi-directional health information exchange (BHIE) for the DoD and VA, Ellumen helps clients prepare for the future of health information exchange (HIE) through clinical standards interoperability, data analytics and data security. Agility, responsiveness, and personal commitment to the needs of our customers are hallmarks of Ellumen's projects, and our collaborative culture encourages teamwork and accountability among our employees. Ellumen is headquartered in Arlington, VA. More information can be found at www.ellumen.com.

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