

NEOSA CIO OF THE YEAR FINALIST

FIT Technologies' Fred Franks, Vice President of Information Technology, was a finalist at the Northeast Ohio Software Association's (NEOSA) CIO of the Year Awards held November 10 at the Embassy Suites in Independence, OH.

NEOSA established the award in 2000 to recognize a Chief Information Officer for his/her innovation and creativity in planning and deploying their enterprise systems, future IT goals, management philosophy, and service to the industry and community. The awards are part of an educational and peer-to-peer networking event for the region's leaders in Information Technology.

Franks has been with FIT since 2005 when he was hired for the role of Infrastructure Manager. In that position, he oversaw the work of 35 staff and successfully led that team through significant expansion, growth, and acquisitions. In 2007, he was promoted to Senior Director of Managed Services and was responsible for leading the company's IT division and managing the data center operations. In 2009, Franks was named to his current position of Vice President of Information Technology. In this role, he provides strategic and tactical planning, development, evaluation and coordination of the company's and its clients information technology systems.



"It was exciting to be a finalist for CIO of the Year among peers from Sherwin-Williams, The Ohio Lottery, University of Akron and others. I was also honored to be a representative of the amazing FIT Technologies IT team," said Franks.

"NEOSA's CIO Symposium was a great opportunity for members of the team and me to network and collaborate with our vibrant IT community. This will be a key aspect to this region's future success in its role as a technology hub."