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**TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY AWARDED
THE 2011 NASVF GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ARLINGTON, TEXAS BASED CENTER FOR INNOVATION
RECOGNIZES GOVERNOR FOR ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS IN THE
LONE STAR STATE

OCTOBER 19, 2011 ARLINGTON, TX – The National Association of Seed and Venture Funds (NASVF) and Center For Innovation (CFI) awarded Governor Rick Perry with the 2011 NASVF Government Technology Leadership Award on Tuesday, October 18. The award is presented to a Federal, State or Regional official that has made exceptional contributions in leadership, program initiatives and resources to improve the economic climate for technology-based emerging enterprises.

The award was presented at the 18th Annual NASVF Conference in Arlington, Texas. Wes Jurey, CEO of the Center For Innovation acknowledged the accomplishments of Governor Perry in making Texas the premier place for business. “Governor Perry has demonstrated leadership through his support of university research and the successes of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund creating an unparalleled advantage for Texas in the research, development, and commercialization of emerging technologies.”

In a recorded video message from Governor Perry, the conference heard him express how honored he was to receive the award on behalf of all of the technology entrepreneurs in Texas. Governor Perry went on to say that over a decade ago he had “a vision of a place on the cutting-edge of technological advancement. A place where the next great idea in communications, renewable energy and cancer research could move seamlessly from the laboratory to the workplace, all without leaving the borders of the state. Today, that place exists. And that place is Texas.” Governor Perry acknowledged the “fertile business climate” of the State of Texas and proclaimed Texas as “the best place in the nation to pursue that next, great idea.” Governor Perry concluded by showing appreciation to the “talent, dedication and skills of the Texas entrepreneur community, who do the hard work by turning today’s dreams into tomorrow’s realities.”

Jonathan Taylor, Director, Texas Emerging Technology, accepted the award on behalf of Governor Perry.

The NASVF Conference concludes Wednesday October 19 with a keynote speech by John Fernandez, U. S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

About the National Association of Seed & Venture Funds

The National Association of Seed & Venture Funds (NASVF) is an international membership organization that advocates for the growth of seed and early-stage innovation capital. NASVF connects the people in the world of venture capital and regional economic development. Collaborating with public and private fund managers and tech transfer professionals, the NASVF is committed to building local economies by investing in entrepreneurs.

About the Center For Innovation

The Center For Innovation is a non-profit LLC, established in 2002 to serve as a catalyst for technology based economic development, focused on three strategic initiatives; (1) creating world class deal flow; (2) catalyzing the formation of venture capital; and (3) training, recruiting, and retaining the talent and know how necessary to support the innovation economy.

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To view Governor Perry's 2011 NASVF Government Technology Leadership Award acceptance speech, please click on the link below:

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