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Northern Virginia Chamber and PSC name Sudhakar Kesavan Hall of Fame Honoree and Carey Smith, Parsons CEO, Executive of the Year at the 2023 Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™

Winners Were Announced at the 21st Annual Awards Gala on November 1 at 7 p.m. EST

Tysons, VA – Last night the [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) (Northern Virginia Chamber) and the [Professional Services Council](#) (PSC) named **Sudhakar Kesavan** the 2023 Hall of Fame Honoree and **Dawn Meyerriecks** this year's Public Sector Partner during the sold out 21st Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards™ (GovCon Awards). **Parsons** CEO, **Carey Smith**, is the first female named Executive of the Year over \$300 million. The GovCon Awards are the premier awards event for the Washington area government contracting community. Seven winners in both the Contractor of the Year and Executive of the Year categories were also named.

Kesavan is a globally recognized business entrepreneur, technology industry leader, and philanthropist. During his 20-year tenure as CEO of ICF, the company doubled its revenue every five years and he created over \$1.3 billion in shareholder value.

Field is an independent director and board member, government and commercial technical powerhouse leader bringing more than 40 years' experience pioneering new products and services and leading transformation for iconic brands around the world including CIA, AOL, and DoD.

The purpose of the GovCon Awards is to honor the exceptional work of the leaders and businesses in the region's government contracting sector. The award categories include: **Contractor of the Year** in four revenue categories and **Executive of the Year** in three revenue categories.

"The Greater Washington Government Contracting Awards have consistently remained a coveted achievement, showcasing the very finest within our government contracting industry," said **Julie Coons**, President and CEO of the Northern Virginia Chamber. "Congratulations to the distinguished finalists and winners of the 2023 Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards. They each exemplify business excellence within our Greater Washington Region."

[Hope For The Warriors](#) was named the GovCon Awards's 2023 Charity Partner. Hope For The Warriors provides comprehensive support programs for service members, veterans, and military families that are



focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community resources.

“PSC congratulates the finalists and winners of the 2023 Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards. These companies and leaders represent the best in dedicated contract support for the federal government’s missions, achieving great results for their agency customers,” said **PSC** President and CEO, **David Berteau**. “We also extend our congratulations to Dawn Meyerriecks on being named the Public Sector Partner of the Year and Sudhakar Kesavan on his induction into the Hall of Fame. These well-deserved honors reflect their exemplary public and private sector leadership and their commitment to advancing innovation and improvement across the federal government.”

The 2023 Washington Government Contractor Awards Winners are:

2023 Programs of the Year (3): By Light Professional IT Services; Lynker; and Royce Geo

Contractor of the Year

Up To \$25 Million: *ShorePoint*

\$25 – 75 Million: *Royce Geo*

\$75 – 300 Million: *REI Systems*

Over \$300 Million: *ICF*

Executive of the Year

Up to \$75 Million: Carissa Christensen, *CEO, BryceTech*

\$75 – 300 Million: Ali Reza Manouchehri, *CEO, MetroStar*

Over \$300 Million: Carey Smith, *Chair, President, and CEO, Parsons*

More information about the GovCon Awards, including a complete list of finalists, can be found at [no-vachamber.org/govcon-awards/](https://vachamber.org/govcon-awards/). Follow the conversation on social media through hashtags, #Gov-Con2023 #GovConAwards #GovConAwards2023.

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into the region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.



The Chamber's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

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About PSC: PSC is the voice of the government technology and professional services industry. PSC's more than 400 member companies represent small, medium and large businesses that provide federal agencies with services of all kinds, including information technology, engineering, logistics, facilities management, operations and maintenance, consulting, international development, scientific, social, environmental services, and more. Together, the trade association's members employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in all 50 states. To learn more, visit pscouncil.org.