

Government Executive Honors Andrea Norris with Theodore Roosevelt Government Leadership Award

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On August 13, *Government Executive* magazine announced CIT Director and NIH Chief Information Officer Andrea Norris as one of their 2019 Theodore Roosevelt Government Leadership Award honorees. She won in the masters' category for her pioneering work as an NIH leader.

The [Theodore Roosevelt Government Leadership Awards](#), also called the Teddies, is a program sponsored by *Government Executive* magazine that annually recognizes federal and industry leaders for their achievements in serving the American people. The masters' category honors federal officials for their work advancing and applying scientific research to achieve national goals and improve Americans' lives. This is the inaugural year for the awards ceremony, which *Government Executive* launched in connection with its 50th Anniversary.

Norris was honored for her pioneering work at the NIH, including her focus on the diverse biomedical research needs of NIH and the critical computational infrastructure. To help ensure that the IT infrastructure can continue to support NIH's mission to enhance human health and reduce illness and disability, Norris identified opportunities to modernize the research data ecosystem.

One component of this strategy involves harnessing the power of cloud-computing services to help NIH keep pace with the increasing volume and complexity of research datasets. The NIH Science and Technology Research Infrastructure for Discovery, Experimentation, and Sustainability (STRIDES) Initiative allows NIH to explore the use of cloud environments to streamline NIH data use by partnering with commercial providers.

NIH's STRIDES Initiative provides cost-effective access to industry-leading partners to help advance biomedical research. By leveraging the STRIDES Initiative, NIH and NIH-funded institutions can begin to create a robust, interconnected ecosystem that breaks down silos related to generating, analyzing, and sharing research data.

The awards ceremony will be held Sept. 19 at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Head to *Government Executive's* site for [details about the Teddies' honorees and their award-winning work](#).

Congratulations to Norris on this well-deserved recognition!