

Christofer J. McGinnis is Recipient of INCITS 2019 Service Award

On February 28, 2019, the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) announced that Christofer J. (C.J.) McGinnis, of ID Technology Partners (IDTP), has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the INCITS Service Award. In the announcement, Lynn Barra, Vice President, INCITS Standards Operations for the INCITS/Information Technology Industry Council said that the award was in recognition of C.J.'s "numerous contributions to the INCITS/M1 - *Biometrics* standards community as outlined in his nomination below".

"Mr. McGinnis has made considerable contributions to the management of the INCITS/M1 Biometrics committee and the M1.3 Biometric data interchange Task Group (TG). For more than six years he has served as recording secretary for both M1 and M1.3. As such he has been responsible for preparation of the meeting minutes, attendance records, and other miscellaneous duties. He has provided timely input on standards and other topics discussed at the M1 and M1.3 meetings. His efforts have also been instrumental in conducting the quarterly meetings. In addition to developing meeting minutes, he has been responsible for taking role making sure the meeting quota is achieved and tracking meeting votes."

INCITS is the central U.S. forum dedicated to creating technology standards for the next generation of innovation. Mr. McGinnis is also deeply involved in international biometric standards activity. He serves as the M1 International Representative to ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 37, *Biometrics*, where he helps manage the interface of M1 as a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to SC 37. In related work, C.J. is the editor of several ISO standards and publications, including the *Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework (CBEFF)* line of standards. He also serves as the liaison officer from SC 37 to the International Biometrics + Identity Association (IBIA), which acts as the Biometric Registration Authority for SC 37 and CBEFF. On several occasions, he has served as the U.S. Head of Delegation to the SC 37 Plenary where he was responsible for representing the U.S. position on official resolutions produced at the plenary sessions. Paul Collier, IDTP President said, "C.J. is well deserving of this recognition as he has provided extensive technical contributions, expertise and timely coordination to ensure the successful development of national and international biometric standards."