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Jack Longworth Honored as Co-Recipient of Public Administrator of Year Award

Jack Longworth, of Newtown, Pennsylvania, has been selected by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators as a co-recipient of its 2001 Public Administrator of the Year Award. Longworth is the director of the Department of Education's Office of Information Technology.

"Congratulations to Jack Longworth for his much deserved success," said Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr. "He has made significant contributions to our operations at the Department of Education over the years, and I am pleased that he has been recognized by his peers for his accomplishments."

In addition to his duties at the Department of Education, Longworth served as the state's Y2K coordinator. His efforts ensured that schools and other public agencies were well prepared to avert disruptions from potential failures of computers and other electronic equipment at onset of the Year 2000.

Longworth shares honors as Public Administrator of the Year with Wendy Rayner, state chief information officer.

"As the association of professional public administrators, we know there are few opportunities to acknowledge the efforts made by state employees," said John Geniesse, president of the New Jersey Chapter of ASPA. "We believe that this award will provide some measure of acknowledgement and a 'thank-you' to those of you who have toiled very hard in this somewhat unglamorous field."

Longworth joined the Department of Education in 1997. His responsibilities include the oversight of all Department of Education information processing and telecommunications activities and the coordination of those activities with the state's Office of Information Technology. He is vice-chair of the Information Technology Coordinating Committee.

He began his career in public service in 1976 as a junior programmer at the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Before joining the Department of Education, he served as Director of Information Management Services for the Department of Banking and Insurance. He has held staff and management positions in data processing for the departments of Treasury and Transportation.

Longworth holds a master's degree in pure and applied mathematics from Montclair State College and has earned the Certified Public Manager designation. Last year, he received the Achievement of the Year Award from the Trenton Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants.

He lives in Newtown with his wife Clare and their sons Jack and Will.