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Ben Nemceff Receives 2022 W. Y. Smith Award For Extraordinary Group Contributions to IDA

ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 2023) – Ben Nemceff, business intelligence analyst in the Finance Directorate at IDA’s Alexandria, VA headquarters is a recipient of the 2022 W. Y. Smith Award.

This award recognizes extraordinary individual or group contributions to IDA from the wide range of non-research staff members who contribute mightily to our success. The award-winning finance team consists of Nemceff, Ivy Raysor and Susan Sizemore.

“It is with great pride that we recognize the tremendous accomplishments of Ben, Ivy and Susan with the 2022 W. Y. Smith Award,” said IDA President Norty Schwartz. “The team made significant contributions to the successful implementation of accurate, timely and accessible project financial reporting. The updated and enhanced reporting has enabled more trustworthy financial information be placed at the fingertips of our enterprise-wide stakeholders, ranging from project leaders to sponsors.”

To meet today’s demands from the government contracts office, IDA needed to be more deliberate about managing project finances. Under Nemceff’s leadership, the team identified the need to upgrade the reports and over the course of the last year, scoped, defined and executed the project, which enhanced the accuracy of IDA’s project financial reporting. The team rolled out the new project financial reporting, offering group and individual training. They launched the new reports in August 2022, running them parallel to the legacy reports through January 2023.

Throughout this time, Nemceff held formal and informal feedback sessions with division business managers and select project leaders to ensure the reports met the needs of the Divisions. As a result, he made further enhancements to the reports and invented new capabilities within the reports to make them more interactive, dynamic and user friendly.

“I’m grateful and honored to be part of the finance team receiving the W. Y. Smith Award,” said Nemceff. “It is very rewarding to be recognized for our efforts while seeing our accomplishments in project financial reporting utilized by so many users within the company.”

Nemceff earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from Virginia Tech in 2000. He is a member of the Data Visualization Society.

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