



NIB Wins

PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

FOR ITS

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN



In connection with its **National Prescription Drug Programme (NPDP)**, the National Insurance Board has had another star added to its crown in a year that has already recorded a number of outstanding successes for the Board. NIB has been named a *Laureate* in the **2011 Computerworld Honors Programme** and is being considered for a second even more celebrated honour. The achievements of NIB and other 2011 Laureates will be recognized publicly on Monday, June 20 at a black tie awards ceremony and gala celebration at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC. Raymond Wells, Deputy Director, Information Technology will represent NIB at the 2011 event.

The Computerworld Honors Programme, founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, recognizes organizations and individuals who have used information technology to promote and advance public welfare, benefit society and change the world for the better. The National Prescription Drug Programme fits the criteria abundantly. As prompt and timely access to prescription drugs plays a critical role in managing chronic non-communicable diseases (CNCDs), NPDP was established to reduce problems of access to medications by providing prescription drugs FREE of charge to Bahamians in eleven (11) categories, who suffer from CNCDs. The Plan also ensures adequate supplies of formulary drugs with the partnership of participating pharmacies. NPDP won the accolade of the Computerworld Honors Program because its processes, including member registration, verification of eligibility at the prescription service and pharmacy claims for payment are fully automated, using information technology to enhance accuracy, efficiency and speed in every aspect of the Drug Plan. In this way, NPDP has improved the lives of thousands of Bahamians.

Based on the originality of its conception, the breadth of its vision and the significance of its benefit to society, NPDP was selected for the Award from

a highly competitive field of 1,000 nominees, all of which were reviewed for their benefit to society and the results of the technology applied. NIB's case study, "The National Prescription Drug Plan", joins 254 others from 23 countries as Laureates in this year's programme.

During the June 20 ceremonies, NIB and other award recipients will be presented with a medallion inscribed with the programme's mission, "A Search for New Heroes." In addition, five Laureates in each of the 11 categories will be named as finalists for a 21st Century Achievement Award, based on judging by an exclusive panel of peers. One finalist in each category will then be named a 21st Century Achievement Award winner. These honors will be announced on site at the event.

All Laureate case studies will be inducted into the programme's International Archives online and featured online at www.cwhonors.org. Additional information about the programme and a Global Archive of past Laureate case studies and oral histories of Leadership Award recipients can be found at the Computerworld Honors website (<http://events.computerworld.com/Honors2011>).