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**IBM Names Mr. Pete Massiello, President and CEO of iTECH SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. First Power Lifetime Champion.**

Mr. Pete Massiello, President and CEO of iTech Solutions Group, LLC, Named Inaugural IBM Power Lifetime Champion

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IBM established the IBM Champions program to recognize the expertise in and extraordinary support and advocacy for IBM technology, communities, and solutions. IBM Champions are peer-nominated members of the user community who evangelize for the platform, and are not IBM employees. The “POWER” Champion class was started 2011. Massiello has been named a Lifetime POWER Champion, the first person to receive this honor.

Individuals named Lifetime Champions are ones whose ongoing contribution to the platform and community is known to be of value in perpetuity. IBM receives nominations across multiple areas of technology from Watson to Domino, Z Series, Linux, and more. Massiello will now be a member of every POWER Champion class and need not be nominated and approved each year.

According to Yvonne Enselman, Director of Professional Services at iTech Solutions Group, “We at iTech Solutions are very proud of our president and pleased to work with him furthering the strength of IBM I organizations. While many Power Champions have served with distinction it is easy to see why Pete was given the first Lifetime designation in this category. He has clearly given so much of his life to this platform and community.”

Massiello has worked tirelessly on behalf of the IBM i on POWER Systems and the community for decades. He shares his deep knowledge of infrastructure, administration, and hardware generously through his service with COMMON, FASUG, and NEUGC as well as volunteering as a speaker with many other user groups globally. He speaks at IBM events and has given webinars with IBM leadership highlighting new advancements in the platform. He publishes a monthly newsletter as well as The State of the IBM i annually. He has given back to his community by supporting companies needing emergency disaster recovery; offering services of his company, iTech Solutions Group, at no cost.

ABOUT ITECH SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC.

iTech Solutions Group, LLC. Is an IBM Premier Business Partner helping its clients achieve the highest performance, utilization from their IBM POWER Systems running IBM i. As an IBM Gold Business Partner, it delivers solutions and services to IBM i clients throughout the world. The company’s President and CEO, Mr. Pete Massiello, has been working with the AS/400, iSeries, and IBM i since 1989, focusing on systems management and technical support. He is a member of IBM’s certification test writing team, an IBM Certified Systems Expert with certifications in IBM i design, administration, LPAR, virtualization, implementation, and HMC management.

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