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AARP Named one of Computerworld's 2016 List of 100 Best Places to Work in IT

WASHINGTON DC –AARP's IT department has been recognized for their commitment to workplace excellence by *Computerworld* as one of the 100 Best Places to Work in IT for 2016. *Computerworld* annually gives the award to organizations that feel they challenge their IT staff, while providing great benefits and competitive compensation. This year AARP ranked No. 16 among midsize organizations.

"Enabling innovation is a core value in AARP's IT department and we are always looking for new and better ways to drive business transformation, increase internal collaboration, standardize our approach, and provide consistency of service back to the business," said AARP CIO, Amy Doherty. "Our goal-driven team is focused on increasing agility, improving their ability to execute, and boosting stability, efficiency, and resiliency throughout the organization. But we also know how to have fun. And our shared commitment to our values, to the AARP mission, and to each other are qualities of working on the ITS team that are hard to find elsewhere."

"The organizations on this year's Best Places to Work in IT list excel at creating a dynamic and satisfying IT work environment," says Scot Finnie, editor in chief of *Computerworld*. "In a competitive market for tech talent, these outstanding employers are able to attract highly skilled IT pros by offering great benefits, new learning opportunities, access to cutting-edge technologies and challenging, business-critical projects."

Featured AARP IT initiatives include launching the first mobile innovation app for collecting ideas (wherever and whenever they come) across the organization, brainstorming spaces, and employee training across the division on "the innovation mindset and framework." Regular leadership open forums, as well as book clubs, food drives, peer recognition programs, paid day off for living the culture, the "You've Been Spotted" peer recognition program, lunches with leadership, culture social media sites, performance management tied to cultural values, and meeting-free Fridays to support thinking, planning and creativity, are just a few of the initiatives designed to promote good work-life balance and to empower employees to solve problems and initiate new solutions.

AARP leadership is committed to educating IT employees to help them better understand the business, mission, and how their work fits in with business goals.

For more information about *Computerworld's* 100 Best Places to Work in IT for 2016 please visit:<http://www.computerworld.com/category/bestplaces2016/>

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About AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million that helps people turn their goals and dreams into 'Real Possibilities' by changing the way America defines aging. With staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and promote the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare security, financial security and personal fulfillment. AARP also advocates for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world's largest circulation magazine, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @aarp and our CEO @JoAnn_Jenkins on Twitter.

About the Best Places to Work in IT

The Best Places to Work in IT list is an annual ranking of the top 100 work environments for technology professionals by IDG's *Computerworld*. The list is compiled based on a comprehensive questionnaire regarding company offerings in categories such as benefits, career development, training and retention. In addition, *Computerworld* conducts extensive surveys of IT workers, and their responses factor heavily in determining the rankings.

About Computerworld

Computerworld from IDG is the leading technology media brand helping senior IT, business decision-makers and key influencers navigate change with effective business strategy. As the voice of business technology, *Computerworld* enables the IT value chain with unique editorial coverage from setting strategies to deriving value. *Computerworld's* award-winning website (www.computerworld.com), focused conference series, strategic marketing solutions and research forms the hub of the world's largest (40+ edition) global IT media

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