



**IEEE Southeastern Michigan Section  
Spring Section Conference & Dinner  
Thursday, Mar 29, 2007 5pm – 9pm  
Fairlane Center, University of Michigan – Dearborn**

**Keynote Speaker**

**"Technology and Michigan: Re-Engineering Government"**



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**Abstract:**

Teri Takai, Michigan Chief Information Officer and Director of the Department of Information Technology, examines the increasingly dominant role of technology in state government and how technology is emerging as a key partner in all state operations. From citizen services to department operations and economic development, Takai explores how technology in government is impacting life in Michigan every day.

**Biography:**

Ms. Takai was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm and was confirmed by the Senate in February 2003. Her broad experience includes working as a senior executive at Ford Motor Company, where she led the development of company's IT strategic plan. Ms. Takai has also held senior positions at EDS where she managed the global supply chain for General Motors and at Federal Mogul, where she was the Director of Process Development. She has extensive experience in computer systems planning, logistics and financial lending systems. Teri's position as the Director of MDIT represents her first experience in the public sector, reporting directly to the Governor.

Ms. Takai is responsible for developing a new organization and its 1,700 employees in order to provide critical IT services to Michigan government. One of her ongoing challenges includes developing measures for MDIT to meet the demand for cutting costs while still meeting the demand for providing information technology services for Michigan. She has led Michigan to the #1 ranking among the 50 states when it comes to digital government in an evaluation performed by the Center for Digital Government.

Ms. Takai was named Public Official of the Year in 2005 by *Governing* magazine. She had been named to the *Crain's Detroit Business* list of the 100 Most Influential Women. *Detroit Magazine* named Ms. Takai as one of the top 100 emerging business leaders in Southeast Michigan. The Association for Women in Computing presented her with the "Top Michigan Women in Computing" award. VARBusiness Magazine named Takai to their 2005 list of "The Top 50 People, Trends, Technologies, Innovations and Projects in Government You Should Know." She serves on the Walsh College President's Advisory Council, Junior Achievement Board, Oakland University Meadowbrook Art Gallery Board, and the Cherry Commission for Higher Education.

Ms. Takai received a BA in Mathematics from the University of Michigan, and holds a MA in Management from the University of Michigan. A metro Detroit native, she enjoys traveling and time with her family.

**Evening Schedule:**

4:30pm – 5:00pm Registration and Check-In  
5:00pm – 5:45pm First half technical sessions, seven parallel sessions  
5:45pm – 6:00pm Vendor exhibition and networking  
6:00pm – 6:45pm Second half technical sessions, seven parallel sessions  
6:45pm – 7:15pm Vendor exhibition and networking  
7:15pm – 8:00pm Buffet Dinner from Park Place Catering  
7:30pm – 8:00pm Awards program during dinner  
8:00pm – 9:00pm Keynote speaker

You get your choice of two (2) of the fourteen technical session, plus networking, vendor showcases, dinner and the keynote speaker.

Registration will be online beginning in February. See <http://www.ieee-sem.org>: \$25 for IEEE Members (including members of other ESD Affiliate Council Societies), \$30 non-members, \$10 students/retirees/unemployed. Dinner seating is limited to the first 120 registrants. Location is: 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, Fairlane Center Building, University of Michigan – Dearborn. This event is a technical and professional service to the local IEEE members – this is not a "fundraiser". Contact: Mark Ciechanowski, P.E. ([mark.ciechanowski@ieee.org](mailto:mark.ciechanowski@ieee.org)) Section Chair, or Prof. Chris Mi ([mi@ieee.org](mailto:mi@ieee.org)), Conference Chair.