

Timothy Horan '83

ROBERT H. GODDARD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Timothy Horan, you exemplify the WPI ideals of translating engineering knowledge and know-how into effective leadership and problem solving. We are proud to honor you today for your distinguished career in the energy industry.

After graduating from WPI, you were on active duty in the U.S. Army and only recently retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. You then embarked on a career at National Grid and its predecessors that spans 24 years and has included such positions as senior vice president of safety, health, environment and security, senior vice president of business and retail services, vice president of business services in Rhode Island, and director of contract management. You are currently president of National Grid's U.S. business in Rhode Island.

Shortly after you were appointed to your current position, your leadership was tested. At the end of August 2011, hurricane Irene swept through New England leaving devastation in its wake. In Rhode Island, Irene knocked out the power of 325,000 of National Grid's 480,000 customers. You were on the

frontline of an effort that ultimately earned accolades for restoring power faster than seemed possible given the scope of the damage. You were considered the definitive source for projections of when power would be restored, offering your customers much needed information as they worked to reassemble their lives after the storm.

You are also a leader in your community, serving on the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council Board of Directors, and the board of trustees for Becker College. You have served on the Executive Board of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce and the Minority Investment Development Corporation Board in Providence. You hold an MBA from Regis University and are a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Timothy Horan, your impressive career and leadership in adversity brings great pride to your alma mater. The WPI Alumni Association is pleased to present you with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

