

## *Innovation Award Judges*



### **NANCY FIRFER**

Nancy Firfer is a senior advisor for the Metropolitan Planning Council leading strategies to encourage balanced housing in local communities across metropolitan Chicago. Ms. Firfer spent 24 years as an elected official. She served two terms as Glenview's Village President. During her tenure, she oversaw the redevelopment of the Glenview Naval Air Station into a highly successful mixed-income community that includes a wide range of housing, open space and recreation, and commercial and retail development. Ms. Firfer continues to serve her community as a trustee of the Kohl Children's Museum Board, member of Lambda Alpha, and member of the Board of the Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. She also is a member of Urban Land Institute-Chicago. Ms. Firfer has served numerous civic and educational institutions, including to the Illinois Workforce Housing Investment Board and Executive Committee of the Council of Mayors for the Chicago Area Transportation Study. She has served as president of the Northwest Municipal Conference, and participated in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and several of its task forces. She currently chairs CMAP's Housing Committee.



### **CAPT. JOHN MALFITANO**

Capt. John Malfitano is the Regional Fleet & Family Readiness Program Director at Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. He also proudly led the Quarterdeck of the Navy - a 23,000 personnel federal installation - into its second century of operations. Provided management oversight, leadership, & guidance for over 600 military and civilian personnel in the execution of a \$162M operating budget supporting 375 buildings, 3,000 acres, 10 large food service galleys, and 69 tenant organizations - including the Navy's only Recruit Training Command, while saving \$8.1M (5%) through the use of Lean Six Sigma (LSS) and Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) initiatives. Capt. Malfitano prioritized environmental issues and green initiatives leading to receipt of both the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Awards for Sustainability.



### **JOHN ANTARAMIAN**

John Antaramian is an economic development consultant and faculty member at Carthage College. Mr. Antaramian was the 34th mayor of the City of Kenosha, retiring in 2008 after 16 years, the longest service of any Kenosha mayor. Highlights of his tenure included redevelopment of major brownfield sites, reduced crime, development of three museums, and updates to the city's budget and financial processes. Before he was elected mayor, he was state representative for Kenosha's 65th Assembly District for 10 years.