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CTO Stephen Franklin Wins CIO Award from Nashville Business Journal

FRANKLIN, Tenn., Sept. 17, 2014 – <u>LeanKit</u>, a high-growth SaaS company whose products enable better work execution and collaboration through visualization, today announced Chief Technology Officer Stephen Franklin as a recipient of the Nashville Business Journal's <u>Chief Information Officer (CIO) Award</u> in a private company category. Franklin and other award winners will be honored at the CIO Award luncheon, to be held Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

The Nashville Business Journal's annual CIO Awards recognizes executives in the Nashville community who made outstanding contributions to their companies in the past year. The 2014 awards cover the timeframe of January 2013 – May 2014.

At LeanKit, Franklin's accomplishments included:

- Scaling the product across a 200-percent growth in their user base to serve nearly 300,000 users and deliver 1 billion monthly resource requests to more than 125 countries
- Scaling LeanKit's product delivery organization more than 3x, in a controlled manner, while maintaining a deliberate, mindful culture
- Establishing a forward-looking architecture roadmap team to build the next generation architecture for our system
- Working with fellow executives to evolve and implement a highly effective system for maintaining strategic focus across the entire organization
- Managing technical risk in alignment with LeanKit's organization's risk profile
- Leading the effort to develop a business metric and telemetry system to help guide business decisions

"Nashville is more than music and health care now. Nashville is about high technology," says Franklin. "I'm honored to be a part of such a vibrant tech community and am proud that LeanKit is a strong contributor."

About LeanKit

LeanKit is helping to change the way organizations work by enabling better work execution and collaboration through visualization. We make products that harness the innate human preference for consuming information visually. Our intuitive software provides a complete picture of the work and a shared vision across platforms, devices, locations and systems.

Founded in 2009, LeanKit serves more than 50,000 teams around the world at companies such as Adobe, Rolls-Royce, Siemens and Spotify. Learn more at leankit.com.