

**RTA wins prestigious
Connecticut Quality Improvement Award (CQIA)
for Innovation!**

RTA came in 2nd place out of more than 100 nominees statewide, that included AT&T, Northeast Utilities, Pfizer, and Pratt & Whitney. In recognition of this achievement, Dr. Stuart Farquharson was invited to present RTA's technology at the annual event. Dr. Farquharson's presentation "**Keeping the Military Moving: A Portable Fuel and Explosives Analyzer**" described the development of two products based on their Raman technology; the *Portable Fuel Analyzer*, designed to qualify the fuel that is used by the US Marine Corps, and the *RamanID*, designed to identify any liquid or solid, currently used by the US Army to identify chemical agents and explosives. Both products have been developed through the Small Business Innovative Research program.



Sheila Carmine, Executive Director of CQIA,
presents award to Dr. Farquharson.



The CQIA for Innovation recognizes accomplishments during the first stages of the quality journey. The award is open to all Connecticut organizations. Nominees are evaluated according to the criteria set forth by the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for Performance Excellence. Each year the President of the United States personally presents the Baldrige award to a national winner.