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Technology Vendors Honored by North America's Leading IT Channel Executives at IT ChannelVision Spring 2006 Event

Bedford, NH, May 15, 2006 — Leading IT channel executives throughout North America recognized the latest product innovations, marketing presentations and strategic initiatives from a global lineup of Vendor companies at the recent "Best of IT ChannelVision Awards".

The awards program culminated three days of intensive business activity at the IT ChannelVision event held May 7-10, 2006 at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida. IT ChannelVision attracted over 250 channel executives from the reseller and solution provider community, as well as more than 100 leading vendor companies. The event features private boardroom appointments and one-on-one meetings between executives and vendors, world premieres featuring new product announcements, industry insight sessions from Gartner analysts, and a full complement of networking programs.

The "Best of IT ChannelVision Awards" are the only industry awards voted on solely by North America's premier System Builders, Value-Added Resellers (VARs), Enterprise Solution Providers and Digital Home Resellers. In addition to the vendor honors, a select group of channel executives were presented with "Vision" awards for outstanding leadership, industry service and ongoing contributions to the success of IT ChannelVision. These awards are voted on by the awards advisory committees.

"The IT ChannelVision awards program is one of the most significant indicators of the outstanding technology innovation and market initiatives happening throughout the vendor and reseller communities," said Eric Lesonsky, Senior Program Director, IT ChannelVision. "The vendor awards are directly determined by the decision-makers who represent the most dynamic market leaders in the North American IT channel. The Vision awards mark the special accomplishments of some of today's top resellers and solution providers."

The nominees and winners of the "Best of IT ChannelVision Awards" for Spring 2006 were as follows:

BEST SYSTEM BUILDER MARKETING PROGRAM/PROMOTION

Nominees:

- AMD
- Intel
- Ricoh

Winner:

- Intel

BEST SYSTEM BUILDER PRESENTATION

Nominees:

- AMD
- ATEN Technology
- Belkin

Winner:

- AMD

BEST SYSTEM BUILDER SOLUTION: HARDWARE

Nominees:

- AMD
- ATEN Technology
- Intel

Winner:

- Intel

BEST SYSTEM BUILDER SOLUTION: SOFTWARE

Nominees:

- Microsoft
- NVIDIA
- Sonic Solutions

Winner:

- Sonic Solutions

BEST VAR CHANNEL STRATEGY

Nominees:

- ATEN Technology
- Ingram Micro
- Kaspersky Lab

Winner:

- Kaspersky Lab

BEST VAR PRESENTATION

Nominees:

- Belkin
- Buffalo Technologies
- Ricoh

Winner:

- Belkin

BEST VAR SOLUTION: HARDWARE

Nominees:

- EqualLogic
- Otter Products
- Visioneer

Winner:

- EqualLogic

BEST VAR SOLUTION: SOFTWARE

Nominees:

- IBM
- Kaspersky Lab
- Persysent Technologies

Winner:

- Kaspersky Lab

BEST DIGITAL HOME SOLUTION

Nominees:

- Anthology Solutions
- Intel
- WiLife

Winner:

- Intel

BEST DIGITAL HOME PRESENTATION

Nominees:

- Buffalo Technologies
- Intel
- Anthology Solutions

Winner:

- Buffalo Technologies

BEST ENTERPRISE VENDOR PRESENTATION

Nominees:

- Ricoh
- ATEN Technologies
- Brazil IT

Winner:

- Brazil IT

BEST ENTERPRISE ALLIANCE STRATEGY

Nominees:

- 3Com
- Network Physics
- Verucity

Winner:

- 3Com

BEST ENTERPRISE SOLUTION

Nominees:

- iRise
- Kaspersky Lab
- Network Physics

Winner:

- iRise.

The VISION AWARDS were presented to the following IT executives:

- **Dwayne Mott**,. *Orbex Computer Systems, Inc.*
- **Paul Furtado**, *Audcomp Computer Systems*
- **Peter Valters**, *xwave*
- **Alvina Usher**, *SONA Computer Inc*

For further information on the "Best of IT ChannelVision Awards" or IT ChannelVision Fall 2006 scheduled for October 3-6, 2006 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona, please contact Lindsey Smart at 603-471-4274 or visit our Web site at www.itchannelvision.com.

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