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2009 NPA
Awards for Professionalism

Award Winners Honored for Professionalism and Excellence

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – May 20, 2009. The Network Professional Association®
(NPA), in conjunction with Interop, Culminis, and Cisco Press announced five individuals
at winners of the eighth annual Awards for Professionalism program. This award honors
individuals from all over the world. Winners will receive a specially designed personalized
trophy, a one-year membership in the NPA and a Cisco Press prize pack with multiple
books of their choice. Read the story at www.AwardsforProfessionalism.org.

Congratulations to our esteemed winners in the following categories:
<u>**The Best Networking Professional – Career Achievement Award**</u> is awarded to an
individual who has demonstrated the highest levels of integrity, professionalism and
ethics throughout their career. **Steven Potter** is "very honoured to receive this award.
Recognition from one's peers gives one a sense of accomplishment and pride."
<u>**Professional Excellence and Innovation Award**</u> honors the network computing
professional who has made the most effective combination of the ideals of
professionalism and the innovative use of networking technology and/or products for a
particular networking project and is awarded in several different categories.
> **Professional Excellence and Innovation Award, Corporate Fortune X - Kamal
> Vyas,** a Senior Network Engineer for NetApp "It is a great honor to receive this
> award and would like to thank all NPA team for this recognition."
> **Professional Excellence and Innovation Award, Government - Richard Boe** "It
> is nice to be recognized for the work we are doing".

<u>**Outstanding Mentor Award**</u> honors the networking professional who has made the
most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and the accomplished
mentor. This year's winner **Regner Sabillon**, "was really surprised, happy and honored
to be selected for this important award."
<u>**Top of the Mark - Volunteer Award**</u> honors the networking professional who has
made the most effective combination of the ideals of professionalism and is a notable
example of the best in giving back through selfless effort. **Selvaraj Kaliyan** "I am
extremely delighted and I would like to thank the NPA team for selecting me for the
Top of the Mark – Volunteer Award category".

This year's awards will culminate with announcements at Interop in Vegas and the **1st
Annual Awards Banquet** in their honor. All past and present and future winners are
invited to attend!

Sponsors of the Awards for Professionalism include Cisco Press, Culminis, Interop and
the Network Professional Association.

Cisco Press is a publishing alliance between Cisco® (NASDAQ: CSCO) and the Pearson Education division of Pearson plc (NYSE: PSO). Established in 1996, Cisco Press is the official publisher of Cisco networking technology, Cisco certification self-study, and Cisco Networking Academy Program materials. Leading authorities from Cisco and other industry innovators write and contribute to the Cisco Press product family which combines instructor-led training with hands-on instruction, e-learning, and self-study.

Cisco Press is proud to support the Network Professional Association (NPA) in awarding outstanding achievements within the network computing industry. Providing education materials and promoting professional growth are part of the Cisco Press mission; sponsoring the NPA awards allows Cisco Press to recognize those who have truly excelled in the industry. Visit ciscopress.com for more information.

Culminis is an international not-for-profit organization devoted to the development and growth of the IT community. After supporting and connecting professional user groups and associations, student organizations, and solution providers for more than four years we have come to understand the goals and needs of each group, as well as the resources they have to share. We are happy to support the efforts of organizations such as the NPA that promote excellence in all that they do, ultimately elevating the status of the IT Pro both in their industry and in the community.

Interop, the leading business technology event, is proud to support NPA's Awards for Professionalism, honoring outstanding contributions in the networking industry. This year's recipients will be announced during Interop Las Vegas, May 17-21 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

NPA, Established 1993, the non-profit Network Professional Association® (NPA) is the leading organization for network computing professionals. To be identified as true professionals, the NPA's international membership adheres to a code-of-ethics, continual demonstrated professional development, adherence and knowledge of the latest best practice standards, and strives for continual growth. The widely acknowledged and the industry's only international Awards for Professionalism honors individuals for their outstanding achievements in network computing and meeting the values of professionalism. The impartial strength of the NPA is a result of vendor neutrality and self-regulation.

The **CNP** is the consummate professional credential of the NPA. Career growth, proven experience, validated certification, advanced education, ethics and NPA membership are all steps towards achieving the CNP – Certified Network Professional credential.

A member of the NPA believes in the values of the professional association, its focus on the CNP credential and the professional status of network professionals through advocacy. Members receive a certificate of membership, quarterly Journal publications, benefits derived through chapters and programs, and opportunities to volunteer, publish and develop.

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