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Illinois Technology Association (ITA) announces Finalists for 11th Annual CityLIGHTS Awards Gala

Finalists represent preeminent companies and individuals from the Illinois technology community

Chicago, IL – April 1, 2010 – The Illinois Technology Association (ITA) proudly announces the finalists for the 11th annual CityLIGHTS Awards Gala.

With over 150 nominations across 6 categories, the list of nominees included the foremost individuals and companies within the Illinois technology community. From the broad range of products, services, and businesses in all stages of development, the 2010 finalists represent the growing vitality of the Illinois technology ecosystem. The finalists chosen from the esteemed list of nominees are:

- CityLIGHTS Award; given to an individual who has made a significant impact on the Illinois Technology community:
 - Tom Churchwell
 - Hyde Park Angels
 - Jack Noonan
 - SocialDevCamp
 - Howard Tullman, Flashpoint Academy
- CEO of the Year Award; given to an individual who has driven his/her company to prominence in the past year
 - Godard Abel, Big Machines
 - Michael Alter, SurePayroll Inc.
 - Dean Fischer, West Monroe Partners
 - Jim Gagnard, SmartSignal Corporation
 - Brian Gamache, WMS Industries Inc.
 - Jeff Hogan, HyperQuest, Inc.
 - Dan Jauernig, Classified Ventures, LLC
 - Steve LaVoie, ArrowStream, Inc.

- Spotlight Award; given to the CTO/CIO for leadership and outstanding contributions in the application of technology
 - Don Baker, MediaBank
 - John Barnes, Model Metrics
 - Michael Brooks, GATX Corporation
 - John Carlisle, Ph.D., Advanced Diamond Technologies
 - Tormod Larsen, ExteNet Systems Inc.
 - Stuart Scholly, Physicians Interactive
- Lighthouse Award; given to the company which best represents the region's growing stature as home to world-class technology companies
 - Acquity Group
 - Electronic Knowledge Interchange
 - Fieldglass
 - Groupon
 - Nalco Company
 - Ocean Tomo
 - Redbox
 - The SAVO Group
 - Tripp Lite
 - Vibes Media
- Rising Star Award; given to the company which has emerged from its start-up phase to distinguish itself in the technology marketplace
 - Accertify
 - Akoo International LLC
 - Arroweye Solutions Inc.
 - Bias Power Inc.
 - Cleverbridge
 - Context Media Inc.
 - Echo Global Logistics, Inc.
 - GrubHub.com

- InXpo
- Liquidus Marketing
- Newcomer Award, given to the company that has the strongest potential to emerge from its start-up phase and distinguish itself in the technology marketplace
 - Agent511
 - Appolicious Inc.
 - Compliance11
 - FLEx Lighting LLC
 - GeeYee
 - HaveMyShift
 - In Context Solutions
 - ProOnGo LLC
 - SoCore Energy
 - TickIt Trading Systems

As in past years, public voting will determine the winners by award with the exception of the CityLIGHTS Award winner, which is determined by the ITA Board of Directors. Voting will open online at www.itacitylights.org on April 5 at 12:00pm CST.

ITA congratulates the nominees and finalists of the 2010 ITA CityLIGHTS Awards Gala. The level of activity and success of this community continues at unprecedented levels. ITA is proud to support this talented and ingenious community.

We thank the supporters of this year's event, including Grant Thornton, CompTIA, McGuireWoods, SmartSignal, Acquity Group, Sure Payroll, Authentify, IBM, Microsoft, Initiate Systems, BigMachines, Freeborn & Peters LLP, Iron Mountain Digital, RSM McGladrey, Model Metrics, Robert Morris University, Oracle, Silicon Valley Bank, UK Trade & Investment, and the SEEDA (Southeast England Development Agency). The support of these world class entities provides the necessary resources to host this important event and the work of the ITA, bringing awareness to the Illinois technology ecosystem.

ITA CityLIGHTS will be held on April 29, 2010 in the Great Hall at Chicago Union Station. The event is attended by more than 700 entrepreneurs, investors, corporate executives, and



technology champions from the breadth and depth of Illinois business. To sponsor, purchase a table or tickets to the event, visit <http://www.itacitylights.org/register>. The Awards Gala is an opportunity for the industry to connect, dine, socialize, and celebrate the continued success of the technology community in Illinois and the growing importance of this economic sector.

About the Illinois Technology Association

Illinois Technology Association (ITA) is passionately committed to the successful growth of our member-companies and the regional technology industry. ITA champions the interests of start-ups and industry leaders, innovation agents and students as independent and collaborative thought leaders who leverage the power of technology to transform business. Through fostering strategic development, peer-to-peer leadership, networking, and access to experts across the breadth of business, membership in ITA accelerates the realization of success. For more information about ITA, please visit www.illinoistech.org.

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