



Pipeline Announces the 2013 COMET Awards Winners

Recognizing Communications and Entertainment Technology Innovations

ANN ARBOR, MI, and CHICAGO, IL — MAY 15, 2013 — *Pipeline* magazine today announced the winners of its prestigious 2013 COMET Innovation Awards program, which provides the highest level of objective endorsement for innovations and thought leadership in the communications and entertainment technology (COMET) industry. The awards call attention to technology advancements that shape the way we communicate as a society.

This year there were more than 130 nominations from over 70 companies in 14 categories, from which a select group finalists were identified and presented to *Pipeline's* exclusive industry judging panel for final voting. The 2013 Innovation Award judging panel is an esteemed consortium comprised of key executives from leading service providers around the world, influential industry analysts, and one of the world's largest system integrators. Each of the judges cast their vote as to which finalist they believed best demonstrated true innovation in each category.

"The COMET Awards recognize the many outstanding accomplishments of both service providers and vendors. It has been a pleasure to be able to participate as a judge for this important program as it has given me the opportunity to learn even more about the innovative, market-leading companies that provided submissions showcasing their tremendous level of innovation, technical excellence, collaboration, customer service, and more," said Deb Osswald, VP of CSP Operations for IDC.

At the request of the service provider judges who participated last year, *Pipeline* opened the competition to service providers as well this year, which added an interesting dynamic that recognized innovations from both technology suppliers and service providers.

"Pipeline's Innovation Awards recipients this year represented a range of true cutting edge companies—ones that I expect will continue to present the industry with new innovations," said Craig Clausen, Principal Analysis at NPRG. "The competition among this year's finalists was tight and the judging process was particularly rigorous to identify winners across the categories. The addition of service providers proved intriguing and added a rounded perspective to the awards."

The 2013 Innovation Award winners and runners-up were announced on Monday, May 13, 2013 at an exclusive red-carpet awards reception in Nice, France. They are:

For the category of **Technical Innovation:**

- Vendor Winner: [Cycle30](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Aepona](#)
- Service Provider Winner: [Telefónica](#) (NYSE: TEF)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)

For the category of **Product Innovation:**

- Vendor Winner: [Tribold](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Tekelec](#)
- Service Provider Winner: [NTT DOCOMO](#) (NYSE: DCM)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)

For the category of **Innovation in Connectivity:**

- Vendor Winner: [Comarch](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Orga Systems GmbH](#)
- Service Provider Winner: [Sprint](#) (NYSE: S)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [Tata Communications](#) (NYSE: TCL)

For the category of **Innovation in Networking:**

- Vendor Winner: [InfoVista](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Infinera](#) (NASDAQ: INFN)
- Service Provider Winner: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [Global Capacity](#)

For the category of **Innovation in Cloud & Virtualization:**

- Vendor Winner: [Microsoft](#) (NASDAQ: MSFT)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Nokia Siemens Networks](#) (NYSE: NOK)

For the category of **Content Innovation:**

- Vendor Winner: [CSG International](#) (CSG Media, LLC) (NASDAQ: CSGS)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Nokia Siemens Networks](#) (NYSE: NOK)
- Service Provider Winner: [Comcast](#) (NASDAQ: CMCSA)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)

For the category of **Innovation in Big Data and Analytics:**

- Vendor Winner: [Ontology Systems](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Subex Ltd.](#) (BSE: 532348)

For the category of **Innovation in CEM:**

- Vendor Winner: [Comptel Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: OMX) (Helsinki: CTL1V)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Orga Systems GmbH](#)
- Service Provider Winner: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [Virgin Mobile](#)

For the category of **Innovation in Security & Assurance:**

- Vendor Winner: [ISC8, Inc.](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Nokia Siemens Networks](#)

For the category of **Innovative Collaborations:**

- Vendor Winner: [Türk Telekom](#) (OTN: TRKNF) and [Nakina Systems](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Tribold](#) and [Sigma Systems](#)
- Service Provider Winner: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [Sprint](#) (NYSE: S)

For the category of **Best Deployment:**

- Vendor Winner: [Tribold](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [EXFO](#)

For the category of **Vendor of the Year:**

- Vendor Winner: [Orga Systems GmbH](#)
 - Vendor Runner-up: [Tekelec](#)

For the category of **Provider of the Year:**

- Service Provider Winner: [AT&T](#) (NYSE: T)
 - Service Provider Runner-up: [SK Telecom](#) (NYSE: SKM)

For the category of **Editor's Choice:**

- Vendor Winner: [Nokia Siemens Networks](#) (NYSE: NOK)
 - Vendor runner-up: [Oracle](#) (NASDAQ: ORCL)

“The *Pipeline* team applauds all the winners this year’s COMET awards,” said Scott St. John, Executive Editor, *Pipeline*. “The award submissions were incredibly strong and demonstrate the true vibrancy of technical innovation that is occurring today.”

Resources:

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