

## ***Four Companies to Watch in the NSDC Best of Show Awards; Creativity and Market Impact Rule the Day With This Year's Award Recipients***

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- The judges' eyes were on innovation and the potential market impact as they selected this year's recipients of the NSDC Best of Show awards. On Wednesday, Oct. 19, the Network Systems Design Conference handed out its fourth annual Best of Show Awards during a ceremony in the Exhibition Hall of San Jose's Parkside Hall. Entries were judged on product innovation, overall technology and potential market impact. This year's awards recipients included the following companies in the corresponding categories:

- \* Tarari - Best of Show
- \* Tarari - Best Enterprise
- \* Greenfield Networks - Best Telecom
- \* **SyntheSys - Best Supporting Solution**
- \* Ample Communications - Rising Star

Judges for this year's awards included Linley Gwennap, principal analyst for The Linley Group, Bob Wheeler, analyst for The Linley Group, Dave Bursky, Editor-at-Large for Electronic Design Magazine and Craig Matsumoto, senior editor for Light Reading.

"Security is the Achilles Heel of any network, and Tarari's RegEx 4 content processor performs deep packet inspection without hampering throughput, which helps with network intrusion prevention, content filtering, anti-virus and a host of other security applications," said Linley Gwennap, principal analyst for The Linley Group and NSDC conference chairperson. "Because Tarari's processor can help with this vital security function for devices ranging from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps, it stood out for both the Best Enterprise category award, as well as the Best of Show award."

"Greenfield Networks stood out with its unique approach to Metro Ethernet switching," said Bob Wheeler, analyst for The Linley Group. "Packetry II has the potential to move the market forward."

"Ample Communications' single chip, the Redhawk A2122, integrates a great deal of functionality on a single chip," said Craig Matsumoto, senior editor at Light Reading. "It solves several issues by reducing chip count, board space, power and cost, making it a natural choice for the Rising Star category."

"Often overlooked, the challenge of testing and verifying the high-speed data streams has been met by the BERTScope signal analyzer developed by SyntheSys Research," said Dave Bursky, Editor-at-Large for Electronic Design Magazine. "It offers an impressive set of features that let designers perform deep physical-layer analysis and capture rare physical events that traditional oscilloscopes cannot capture."

This year marks the fourth year of the Best of Show awards, and previous award recipients include AMCC, Xelerated, EZchip, Teja Technologies, Dune Networks and Cavium.

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