

**MASS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
FINALISTS FOR 14th ANNUAL MASS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Finalists for CEO, CIO, Company, Product, Deal and Emerging Executive of the Year Categories Announced

Burlington, Mass., July 14, 2011 – The Mass Technology Leadership Council announced finalists for the Council's annual Awards program last night at a cocktail reception at Castile Ventures in Waltham. The event was attended by over 200 award nominees and other leaders from across the technology community.

"The Council is excited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the companies and people responsible for the vibrancy of the Massachusetts tech ecosystem," remarked Council CEO Tom Hopcroft. "The number of high quality nominees was energizing and confirms the depth and breadth of remarkable innovative companies in our region."

Finalists were announced in individual and company categories. Fifteen finalists were named in the Product/Service of the Year Category and all will be featured on the Council website and have an opportunity to display, demo, and interact with attendees during the reception at the October 6th Awards Gala. The audience will then vote for the winner via their mobile devices during the event.

Finalists in Individual categories:

CEO of the Year – Privately Held

- **Paul Brient**, PatientKeeper
- **Robert LeFort**, Ember Corporation
- **Mads Lillelund**, Bluesocket, Inc.
- **Chris Randles**, SpaceClaim
- **Debbie Theobald**, Vecna Technologies

CEO of the Year – Publicly Traded

- **Mark Aslett**, Mercury Computer
- **Andy Ory**, Acme Packet
- **Rick Reidy**, Progress Software
- **Alan Trefler**, Pegasystems, Inc.

CIO of the Year

- **Bob Barrett**, A123 Systems
- **Rick Broughton**, Circor International
- **James McCoy**, Raytheon
- **Bill Oates**, City of Boston
- **Bill Scudder**, Sonus Networks

Emerging Executive of the Year

- **Heidi Meisenkothen**, Foresight Science & Technology
- **Arun Nagarajan**, Pyxis Mobile
- **Tracy Rosenthal-Newsom**, Harmonix Music Systems
- **David Samuels**, EnerNOC
- **Al Tahn**, Raytheon

Finalists in Company Categories:

Company of the Year – Privately Held

- Acquia
- CSN Stores
- Endeca
- Karmalooop
- Kiva Systems

Company of the Year – Publicly Traded

- Analog Devices
- Athena Health
- iRobot Corporation
- LogMeIn
- Skyworks

Deal of the Year

- EMC
- ITA Software
- Netezza
- Phase Forward

Finalists who will demo and be voted upon by the audience at the October 6th Gala include:

Product of the Year

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| • AisleBuyer | • Gemvara | • Peer Transfer |
| • Apperian | • GrabCAD | • SpaceClaim |
| • Currensee | • iWalk | • Strohl Medical |
| • Digital Lumens | • KangoGift | • TripAdvisor |
| • Gazelle | • Myomo | • Vecna Technologies |

The Council received well over 200 quality submissions during the open nomination process. A committee of Council Trustees and local thought leaders were involved with the selection process that narrowed the slate to those announced last night. The finalists will be further considered over the coming weeks and the winners announced on Thursday October 6th, at the Awards Gala at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Details and advance registration available at: <http://www.masstlc.org/2011awards.html>

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The Mass Technology Leadership Council, Inc. is the only business association that addresses the critical leadership issues of innovative technology and technology-enabled companies. The organization is dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and promoting the success of companies that develop and deploy technology across industry sectors. The Mass Technology Leadership Council conducts educational programs, hosts industry events, facilitates networking, sponsors research, advocates in favor of technology policies that promote innovation, entrepreneurship and competition, and recognizes industry-leading companies and people. For more information, visit <http://www.masstlc.org> or <http://blog.masstlc.org>.

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