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GLOBALCOMM™ 2006 ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF "AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE" HONORING THE INDUSTRY'S BEST COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
17 Companies Recognized for Advancement and Excellence in the Industry

Arlington, Va. – The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), owner and producer of GLOBALCOMM™, today announced the nine winners and eight runners-up of the 2006 Awards of Excellence. The GLOBALCOMM™ Awards of Excellence honor the information and communications technology (ICT) industry's preeminent organizations, recognizing the most promising new technologies and the delivery of the best new network services, strategic support and customer care.

Awards of Excellence winners will be honored during GLOBALCOMM™, the next-generation communications marketplace and summit, being held June 4-8, 2006, at Chicago's McCormick Place. For TIA, GLOBALCOMM™ replaces SUPERCOMM® as TIA's annual industry event.

"Our industry is dependent on current and future innovation as well as meeting and exceeding customer needs," said TIA President Matt Flanigan. "We commend the 17 companies honored as GLOBALCOMM Awards of Excellence Winners and Runners-Up for their forward-looking vision as well as their leadership role in driving industry growth and development."

2006 GLOBALCOMM™ AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP:

Excellence in Network Design and Services—for Service Providers and Enterprise Organizations whose design or service went into operation in calendar year 2005.

Backbone/Core
Winner:	Level 3 Communications	Infinera Booth 14022
Entry:	*Level 3 Global Network*	

Wireless/Mobile/Network Services

Winner:	Redline Communications	Booth 39074
Entry:	*Nomad Digital Broadband Network*	
Runner-Up:	SIPquest	Booth 39020
Entry:	*SIPquest Mobile Console*	

Network Infrastructure

Winner:	Matanuska Telephone Association	Aktino Booth 36067
Entry:	*MIMO on DMT System*	
Runner-Up:	ALLTEL	Actelis Booth 63074
Entry:	*Ethernet Over Copper Broadband Service*	

Excellence in Technology Innovation—for Suppliers and Vendors whose products/ technologies were announced no earlier than September 1, 2005 and will be available for sale no later than July 1, 2006.

Access Networking

Winner:	Charles Industries	Booth 47015
Entry:	*Mini-Mux™ 2000*	
Runner-Up:	Strix Systems	Booth 53092
Entry:	*OWS 2400-30*	

Backbone/Edge

Winner:	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Booth 27015
Entry:	*Cisco ME 6500 Series Ethernet Switches*	
Runner-Up:	Juniper Networks	Booth 42031
Entry:	To be announced at GLOBALCOMM	

Optical Networking

Winner:	Tellabs, Inc.	Booth 27040
Entry:	*Tellabs® 6325 Edge Node*	
Runner-Up:	Optovia Corporation	PICMG Booth 12042
Entry:	*SpanExpress Optical Line System*	

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Application Layer Systems

Winner:	Transclick, Inc.	Motorola Booth 27031
Entry:	*Transclick Wireless Language Bridge*	
Runner-Up	Ubiquity Software Corporation	Booth 38015
Entry:	*Ubiquity's SIP A/S*	

Strategic Support

Winner:	Redline Communications	Booth 39074
Entry:	*Hurricane Katrina Relief Communications*	
Runner-Up:	Calix	Booth 34026
Entry:	*Pioneer Telephone IPTV Service*	

Continuing Achievement

Winner:	Ellacoya Networks	Booth 35070
Entry:	*IP Service Control System*	
Runner-Up:	Pannaway Technologies	Booth 19063
Entry:	*Broadband Access Manager*	

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GLOBALCOMM™ 2006 will feature 495 exhibiting companies, 20,000 projected attendees, free keynote addresses and panels, paid conferences by the International Engineering Consortium, Light Reading/CMP Media, *Telephony* and other organizations, and co-location with OSP EXPO, the Outside Plant Exposition and Conference. GLOBALCOMM™ represents the premier business opportunity for the entire global communications and IT industry.

About TIA
TIA is the leading trade association for the information and communications technology (ICT) industry. As owner and producer of GLOBALCOMM™, TIA represents global ICT suppliers and their service provider and enterprise customers through its leadership in standards development, domestic and international policy advocacy, and facilitating member business opportunities. TIA represents the communications sector of the Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA). Visit us at http://www.tiaonline.org.

About GLOBALCOMM™
GLOBALCOMM™ represents the premier business opportunity for the entire global communications and IT industry. With 495 exhibitors and 20,000 participants expected from more than 100 countries, GLOBALCOMM™ -- the Next-Generation Communications Marketplace and Summit – debuts June 4-8, 2006, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois, USA. GLOBALCOMM™ is a trademark of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). Visit http://www.globalcomm2006.com for more information.

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