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**AMBER ALERT PORTAL ([WWW.AMBERALERT.COM](http://WWW.AMBERALERT.COM))  
RECOGNIZED AS LAUREATE FINALIST BY  
THE COMPUTERWORLD HONORS PROGRAM**

**Longest Running Global Program Pays Tribute to Individuals and Organizations that Use  
Information Technology to Benefit Society**

Scottsdale, Ariz. – June 6, 2006 – The AMBER Alert Portal ([www.amberalert.com](http://www.amberalert.com)), a seamless, AMBER Alert network that links law enforcement and citizens in the common goal to rescue kidnapped children, has been recognized as a Laureate Finalist by IDG's Computerworld Honors Program. For almost two decades, Computerworld Honors has acknowledged those individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society. This year's honorees were commemorated during the 18th Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards Evening on June 5, 2006 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

"We are honored to have been selected as a 2006 Laureate Finalist by the Computerworld Honors Program," said Robert Spaeth, President of the AMBER Alert Portal. "The AMBER Alert Portal reduces the time required to distribute an AMBER Alert by allowing law enforcement to directly issue an AMBER Alert -- and by enabling the public to sign up to receive the alerts on their email, cell phone or other wireless devices at: [www.amberalert.com](http://www.amberalert.com)."

Provided at no cost to state governments and citizens, the AMBER Alert Portal enables time-sensitive information -- regarding the location of abduction, victim description, suspect description, vehicle description, and necessary local law enforcement contacts -- to be accessible to the general public and law enforcement agencies simultaneously through major communication vehicles including cell phones, email and other wireless devices. Eight states (Washington, Rhode Island, Oregon, Montana, Missouri, Kentucky, Idaho, and Arizona) use the AMBER Alert Portal in conjunction with the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

"Each Laureate selected for this honor understands the importance of using one's resources and technical prowess to benefit one's fellow man," said Bob Carrigan, Chairman of the Computerworld Honors Program Chairmen's Committee and President, IDG Communications.

Each year, members of the Chairmen's Committee identify the organizations whose use of information technology has been especially noteworthy for the originality of its conception, the breadth of and the significance of its benefit to society. These identified organizations are asked to contribute a case study to the program's collection, and the donation of these case studies is celebrated with a medal ceremony in June where an accepted case study from each Laureate organization is publicly recognized.

From the Laureates in each of the 10 categories, a distinguished panel of judges selects 50 Finalists in each category. These Finalists, as well as the 10 organizations selected by the judges as first among peers within the Finalists, are announced at the Gala Awards Evening. The 10 organizations receive the 21st Century Achievement Awards. Additional information about the program and a Global Archive of past Laureate case studies and oral histories can be found at the Computerworld Honors website: [www.cwhonors.org](http://www.cwhonors.org).

### **About AMBER Alert Portal**

The AMBER Alert Portal ([www.amberalert.com](http://www.amberalert.com)) enables law enforcement to activate AMBER Alerts directly through the Portal while exponentially increasing the number of individuals looking for the abducted children. Through the Portal, the alerts are disseminated within minutes to other local, state and federal government agencies, broadcasters and the public via cell phones, pagers, fax, email, other wireless devices and PCs.

The AMBER Alert Portal is led by the AMBER Alert Portal Consortium, a private/public partnership developed and led by state governments, the law enforcement community, broadcasters, corporate citizens and non-governmental organizations. Provided at no cost to state governments and taxpayers, the AMBER Alert Portal helps law enforcement and the general public to save children's lives. For more information, visit [www.amberalert.com](http://www.amberalert.com) or call: 480-889-2646.

### **About the Computerworld Honors Program**

Founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program is governed by the not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. In its 18th year, Computerworld Honors is the longest running global program to honor individuals and organizations that use information technology to benefit society.

Each year, the program's Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 Chairmen/CEOs of global technology companies, nominates individuals and organizations around the world whose visionary application of information technology promotes positive social and economic progress. Nominations are evaluated by an independent board of CIO-level judges who select laureates, finalists and award winners, in 10 industry-related categories, to be honored at a Laureate Medal Ceremony. This year's ceremony and accompanying Gala Awards Evening will take place on June 5, 2006 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

The technology achievements honored by this program are preserved and protected in national archives, and in over 250 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world. Additional information about the program and a Global Archive of past laureate case studies and oral histories can be found at the Computerworld Honors website: [www.cwhonors.org](http://www.cwhonors.org).

### **About Computerworld**

Computerworld, the "Voice of IT Management," is the most trusted source for the critical information needs of senior IT management. Computerworld's integrated offerings form the U.S.-based hub of the world's largest (58-edition) global IT media network through its weekly publication, Computerworld.com website, focused conference series and custom research. In the past five years alone, Computerworld has won more than 100 print and online awards for

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