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*8th Annual Awards Program Highlights Innovative Tech Products and Best Tech Practices in Homebuilding*

Framingham, MA – June 30, 2008 – The winners of the 2008 Innovative Housing Technology Awards (IHTAs) were announced at a reception on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at the InterContinental San Francisco Hotel during PCBC 2008. The IHTAs ([www.techhomebuilder.com/ihta](http://www.techhomebuilder.com/ihta)), presented by *TecHome Builder* magazine, are the most prestigious housing technology awards for the homebuilding industry. At the 2008 event, more than 30 companies were recognized for their outstanding contributions to technology in the homebuilding industry.

The IHTAs are intended to both stimulate the development of innovative new products, materials and systems for residential construction by product manufacturers, as well as recognize significant advances and best practices by product manufacturers, integrators and builders in home technologies and IT solutions for the housing industry. IHTA finalists and winners improve the livability of our homes and make the process of building and improving homes more efficient and cost-effective.

The Awards are divided into the following categories:

- Supplier Categories: Innovative Information Technology Products
- Supplier Categories: Innovative Home Technology Products & Services
- Integrator/Installer Category: Innovative Service
- Builder Categories: Innovative Tech Home Building

OnSite Connex by o2 Interactive's Sales Kiosk ([www.onsiteconnex.com](http://www.onsiteconnex.com)) was named the best information technology product, while AMX's ViewStat Color Communicating Thermostat ([www.amx.com](http://www.amx.com)) received the top honors for a home technology product. S&S Electric ([www.ss-electric.com](http://www.ss-electric.com)) was recognized as the top integrator in the nation.

The following is a complete listing of the 2008 winning companies and products. Additional information on the contestants is available online at [www.techhomebuilder.com/ihta](http://www.techhomebuilder.com/ihta) and will be featured in future issues of *TecHome Builder* magazine.

**SUPPLIER WINNERS – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS**

<u>BEST OVERALL IT PRODUCT</u>	OnSite Connex by o2 Interactive: Sales Kiosk
<u>Back Office</u>	Construction Management Software: ProEst Takeoff 12
<u>Drafting &amp; Design</u>	Cadsoft Corporation: Envisioneer 4.5
<u>Field Operations</u>	Exaktime: PocketClock/GPS
<u>Integrated Excellence</u>	Rebuilding Management, L.L.C.: New Orleans Disaster Recovery
<u>Sales &amp; Marketing</u>	OnSite Connex by o2 Interactive: Sales Kiosk
<u>Web</u>	Customer Velocity: Web Velocity

**SUPPLIER WINNERS – INNOVATIVE HOME TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS & SERVICES**

<u>BEST OVERALL HOME TECH PRODUCT</u>	AMX: ViewStat Color Communicating Thermostat
<u>Advanced Electrical</u>	Tripp Lite: AV550SC Backup Power Block
<u>Advanced HVAC/Indoor Air Quality</u>	AMX: ViewStat Color Communicating Thermostat
<u>Alternative Energy</u>	Akeena Solar: Andalay

<u>Central Vacuum</u>		H-P Products, Inc.: Vroom
<u>Energy Efficiency</u>		HAI (Home Automation, Inc.): Omnistat2 Thermostat
<u>Home Theater</u>		K2 Mounts: Underbed Lift
<u>Integrated Home Control</u>		Colorado vNet: Vibe Color Touchscreen Amplifier
<u>Kitchen Appliances</u>		Sharp Electronic Corporation: Sharp Insight Pro® Microwave Drawer®
<u>Laundry Appliances</u>		LG Electronics: LG SteamWasher™ and SteamDryer™ with Allergiene™
<u>Lighting Control</u>		Square D Lighting Control: Square D Clipsal Light-Level Sensor
<u>Media Center</u>	(Tie)	Crestron Electronics: AAS HP: HP MediaSmart Server
<u>Multi-Room Audio/Video</u>	(Tie)	On-Q/Legrand: IyriQ High Performance Audio System Sony Electronics: NHS-130C Pre-Integrated Rack System
<u>Networking</u>		On-Q/Legrand: Selective Call Intercom System
<u>Security &amp; Safety</u>		Honeywell Security & Communications: Honeywell Total Connect
<u>Telecommunications Service</u>		Ergotron, Inc.: LX Video Conferencing Cart
<u>Window/Door Control</u>		Crestron Electronics: C2N-SDC

#### **INTEGRATOR/INSTALLER WINNERS – INNOVATIVE SERVICE (by region)**

<u>BEST INTEGRATOR IN THE NATION</u>	S&S Electric
<u>Integrator Excellence: Midwest</u>	Admit One Home Cinema: Cressview Cinema
<u>Integrator Excellence: Northeast</u>	Advanced Communication Technologies: Vineyard Heights
<u>Integrator Excellence: Mountain</u>	<b>Cobalt Automation, Inc.: Four Corners Family Home</b>
<u>Integrator Excellence: Southeast</u>	S&S Electric: Excellence in Service
<u>Integrator Excellence: West</u>	Video Audio Design, Inc.: Franks Residence
<u>Integrator Excellence: Mid-Atlantic</u>	Whitetail Electronics: Hidden Springs

#### **BUILDER WINNERS**

<u>Coollest New Electronic House</u>	M/I Homes of Tampa, L.L.C.: Bordeaux IV Model at Easton Park, Tampa
<u>Effective Merchandising &amp; Marketing</u>	Fulton Homes: MyFultonHome Suite of Products
<u>Excellent Connected Community</u>	The Plaza Irvine
<u>Integrated Excellence</u>	Veridian Homes: BIM/Visual Estimating at Veridian Homes

The products and projects competing in this year's program must have been shipped or completed by June 25, 2008 in order to be considered an eligible award recipient. Each contestant submitted an extensive description of the entry and noted features and benefits to be judged by a panel of industry experts.

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