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Digium® Announces 2008 Innovation Awards Call to Entry

Second Annual Awards Designed to Recognize Breakthrough Achievements Using Asterisk Software

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.— July 1, 2008- <u>Digium®</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, the Asterisk® Company, recently announced the official call for entries for the second annual Digium Innovation Awards, designed to recognize Asterisk developers, customers and partners for outstanding achievements that are improving business processes, overcoming technology challenges and delivering record return on investment.

"We had an overwhelming response to the first Digium Innovation Awards and we look forward to hearing about the creative and innovative implementations of Asterisk from this year's submissions," said Bill Miller, VP of product management for Digium. "With the millions of downloads of Asterisk to date, we continue to be impressed with its applications and the impact Asterisk is having in both business and society."

- * **Pioneer Award** most innovative Asterisk implementation;
- * **Big Biz Asterisk Award** largest Asterisk enterprise-class installation;
- * **ROI Award** best measurable ROI from implementing Asterisk;
- * Inside Out Award best use of Asterisk in a business outside of telecommunications.

Winners from each category will be announced Sept. 22-25 at AstriCon 2008, www.astricon.net, in Glendale, Ariz. Benefits from being named a Digium Innovation Award winner will include a

congratulatory press release from Digium, Inc., a listing on the Digium Web site and an invitation to present at Astricon '09.

Last year's winners of the Innovation Awards include Aheeva for the Big Business category, OneBizTone for the ROI/Cost Savings category, Shelton|Johns for the Pioneer category, iPLATEu for the Most Unique category and Super Technologies for the Service Provider category.

"We were honored to have received the inaugural Innovation Award in the Pioneer category last year," said Bryan Johns, managing member of Shelton|Johns. "It is our goal to provide customers with efficient and innovative solutions of VoIP networks that are powered by open platforms and this recognition validates our contribution towards the Asterisk project."

To submit an entry and view last year's winners, please visit http://www.digium.com/en/company/awards/innovation.php. Nominations will be accepted until Aug. 1, 2008.

About Digium

Digium®, Inc., the Asterisk® Company, created, owns and is the innovative force behind Asterisk, the most widely used open source telephony software. Since its founding in 1999, Digium has become the open source alternative to proprietary communication providers, with offerings that cost as much as 80 percent less. Digium makes Asterisk software available to the open source community and delivers Asterisk Business Edition and Switchvox IP PBX software to power a broad family of products for small, medium and large businesses. The company's product line includes a wide range of hardware to enable resellers and customers to implement turnkey solutions or to design their own voice over IP (VoIP) systems. More information is available at www.digium.com.

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