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**12th ANNUAL CDN CHANNEL ELITE AWARD WINNERS**

TORONTO, ON – September 11, 2014 – Computer Dealer News, IT World Canada’s industry-leading channel publication, held the 12th Annual Channel Elite Awards on September 10, 2014. These prestigious awards are a tribute to the Canadian IT Solution Provider channel community. This year’s program attracted the largest number of nominations and finalists in its history and also generated seven first-time winners.

Channel Elite Award categories highlight business transformation solutions and include: Best Enterprise Solution, Best Mid-Market Solution, Best Small Business Solution, Best Service Organization, Best Mobile Solution, Best Cloud Solution, Best Managed Services Solution, Best Channel Marketing Solution and the overall category of Solution Provider of the Year, which is based on a body of work.

CEA’s annual awards committee comprises notable professionals in the solution provider channel, the CIO community and the non-profit sector. Solution submissions are judged on the basis of five important criteria: Innovation, Improved Sales or Revenue, Improved Efficiency, Customer Service, and “the X-Factor” - where the solution provider has gone above and beyond industry norms or created a special one of a kind solution that made an impact.

*“This year's Channel Elite Awards winners and finalist showed a true knack for partnership. Most of the great solutions submitted to the Channel Elite Award judges involved partnerships with other solution providers, distributors, and the customers themselves. It shows real creativity and innovation from the solution provider community in Canada”* said Paolo Del Nibletto, the Editor of CDN - Computer Dealer News, Canada's No. 1 IT channel publication and website. “*The Channel Elite Awards are the hardest award to win and I'm pleased to see that solution providers across Canada are stepping it up and becoming that true trusted advisor for business.”*

CDN is pleased to announce our 2014 Channel Elite Award Winners:

**Solution Provider of the Year**

i3 Solutions Inc.

**Best Cloud Computing Solution**

Gold Winner - **ITnorth.ca**

Silver Winner - **IT Weapons**

Bronze Winner - **Stage2Data**

**Best Mobile Solution**

Gold Winner - **Esri Canada**

Silver Winner - **Infinite IT**

Bronze Winner - **IT Weapons**

**Best Service Organization**

Gold Winner - **CompuCom Canada**

Silver Winner - **Brains ll Canada, Inc.**

Bronze Winner - **Infinite IT**

**Best Small Business Solution**

Gold Winner - **Navantis Inc.**

Silver Winner - **Ideaca, a Hitachi Solutions Company**

Bronze Winner - **Digitcom Canada Inc.**

**Best Mid-Market Solution**

Gold Winner - **Interware**

Silver Winner - **SELA Canada**

Bronze Winner - **Compugen Inc.**

**Best Enterprise Solution**

Gold Winner - **Navantis Inc.**

Silver Winner - **RefineCo, Inc.**

Bronze Winner - **Lexcom Systems Group Inc.**

**Best Channel Marketing Solution**

Gold Winner - **IT Weapons**

Silver Winner - **Decisive Technologies**

Bronze Winner - **M.I.T. Consulting**

**Best Managed Services Solution**

Gold Winner - **i3 Solutions Inc.**

Silver Winner - **FlexITy Solutions**

Bronze Winner - **Navantis Inc.**

**About CDN**

**Computer Dealer News (CDN),**a media property of IT World Canada,is the premier digital news source for the Canadian technology channel**.**With a history dating back to 1987**,**itis the most widely read and trusted publication providing leading stories to keep the reseller channel informed and abreast of current developments and business trends.

CDN also celebrates and recognizes leadership and excellence among channel partners through signature programs such as the Top 100 Solution Providers Annual Listing and Gala, the Channel Elite Awards and Women of the IT Channel.

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