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**AeA Orange County/Inland Empire Council Announces
2007 High-Tech Innovation Award Winners**

Award recognizes the top contributors to local innovation and global competition

Newport Beach, Calif., May 11, 2007 – The [AeA Orange County and Inland Empire Council](#) congratulates the winners of the 14th Annual High-Tech Innovation Awards. The winners were announced on May 10, 2007 at a sold-out dinner and awards ceremony that drew nearly 600 luminaries from local high-tech companies, financial and government institutions, as well as academic leaders, educators, students, investors and media affiliates.

“AeA congratulates all winners and finalists for an unprecedented year of technology innovation,” said Tim Jemal, executive director of the AeA Orange County/Inland Empire Council. “We look forward to seeing continual advancements by our local companies and educators.”

The theme of the awards, “The Race to Innovate,” focused on the global competitive challenges facing America today. Key Southern California leaders and decision-makers contributed to that theme by offering their opinions and solutions in a video produced for the event.

In conjunction with [Project Tomorrow](#), AeA Orange County and Inland Empire Council recognized educators and students for their innovative use of math, science and technology in the classroom and the community.

“Project Tomorrow extends its congratulations to all the winners of the 14th Annual High-Tech Innovation Awards,” said Julie Evans, chief executive officer for Project Tomorrow. “In addition, we would like to thank our sponsor Emulex for helping to extend the reach of the Innovation in Education awards program. For the first time, we awarded a college scholarship to the Emerging Student Innovator.”

The High-Tech Innovation Awards featured City of Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle, as Master of Ceremonies as well as an engaging keynote address from Ed Coleman, chief executive officer, Gateway Inc. Presenters included Ron Buschur, chief executive officer, Powerwave Technologies; Steven Joe, chief executive officer, D-Link Systems; Jim McCluney, chief executive officer, Emulex Corporation and Mike Morhaime, president, Blizzard Entertainment.

Congratulations to Orange County and Inland Empire's innovators:

Greg Ross Community Service

Stephen LaCount, principal, LaCount Law

High-Impact Person of the Year

Gary Augusta, president and chief executive officer, OCTANe

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Outstanding Medical Device Company

SenoRx

Outstanding Private Company

HireRight, Inc.

Outstanding Private Company CEO

Michael Hajeck, chief executive officer, SiliconSystems Inc.

Outstanding Public Company

The TriZetto Group

Outstanding Public Company CEO

Mike Mussallem, chief executive officer, Edwards Lifesciences

Outstanding Woman in Technology

Karen Evenson, vice president of engineering, EADS North America Defense Test & Services

Project Tomorrow: District Leadership in Science, Math and Technology

Dr. Theresa Daem, superintendent, Laguna Beach Unified School District

Project Tomorrow: Emerging Student Innovator

Marshall Thomas, Laguna Beach High School, Laguna Beach Unified School District

Project Tomorrow: High Impact Teacher in Science, Math and Technology

Holly Steele, Beechwood School, Fullerton School District

Project Tomorrow: Innovative School Program in Science, Math and Technology

Jerry Halpin, principal, Global IT Academy, Brea Olinda High School, Brea Olinda Unified School District

Computer Peripherals

Kofax

Computer Storage

Emulex

Kingston Technology

Consumer Hardware

D-Link Systems Inc

Consumer Software

SRS Labs

Innovation Design

Jayco Interface Technology, Inc.

Instructional Technology

MIND Institute

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Internet

Mimeo, Inc.

Medical Devices

I-Flow

Semiconductors

Axiom Microdevices Inc.

Software

Integrien Corporation

The Return Exchange

For a recap of the evening's festivities, visit the AeA Orange County and Inland Empire Council Web site at www.aeanet.org/orangecounty.

About AeA

AeA is the largest high-tech trade association in the U.S. and represents all segments of the technology industry. Our mission is to help our member companies grow and improve their business. Internationally, AeA represents 2,500 companies with 1.8 million employees. In Orange County & the Inland Empire, AeA represents 140 member companies with worldwide revenue of more than \$8 billion and more than 160,000 employees in the United States and globally. Information on the Orange County & Inland Empire Council can be found at www.aeanet.org/orangecounty.

About Project Tomorrow

Project Tomorrow is the nation's leading education nonprofit group focused on preparing today's students to be tomorrow's innovators through science, math and technology education. In collaboration with the AeA Orange County and Inland Empire Council, Project Tomorrow has developed a new Innovation Initiative to better leverage K-12 education for regional and national economic competitiveness. Information on Project Tomorrow can be found at www.tomorrow.org.

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