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Sandpiper Named 'Best of the Best' at Networld+Interop 99 Las Vegas

Best of Show Awards Selected by Editors of Data Communications and InternetWeek

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Sandpiper's Footprint 2.0, a network service product, was named "Best of the Best" in the Best of Show awards competition conducted at Ziff-Davis' (NYSE: ZD) NetWorld+Interop, being held through Thursday, May 13, at the Las Vegas Convention Center here. Judging was conducted by the editors of CMP Media's (NASDAQ: CMPX) Data Communications and InternetWeek publications.

The Best of Show award program honors the products and services introduced at the show that most significantly advance the state of the art of networking and telecommunications. The awards were given in eight categories plus one overall "Best of the Best."

Innovation is the hallmark of Best of Show winners -- and the Sandpiper Footprint embodies this characteristic. "Numerous companies are talking about solving the problem of Internet congestion -- improving reliability and speeding up response times. The product has the potential to have a profound effect for everyone using the Internet regardless of whether they are a Sandpiper customer," said Wayne Rash, Jr., managing editor/technology of InternetWeek.

Other Best of Show winners, by category, are:

-- Network Applications Software: Boostworks' BoostWeb Enterprise

-- Network Infrastructure: Top Layer Networks' AppSwitch 2000

-- Network Management & Analysis: Orchestream's Orchestream Enterprise

-- Network Server Systems & Peripherals: Mirapoint's M1000

-- WAN & Remote-Access Equipment: Nbase-Xyplex's GFS 3016; Broadband Access Systems' Cuda 12000

-- WAN Services: Sandpiper's Footprint 2.0

-- Network Security & Performance: Ipivot's Commerce Accelerator 1000

-- E-Commerce & Transaction Servers: Internet Dynamics' Conclave 2

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"The explosion of networking is obvious at NetWorld+Interop this year," said Lee Keough, editor-in-chief of Data Communications. "There were so many innovative and state-of-the-art products, it made choosing the Best of Show winners very difficult."

Complete Best of Show information is available at the Data Communications Web site at <http://www.data.com/> or the InternetWeek Web site at <http://www.internetwk.com/>. For additional information about NetWorld+Interop 99 Las Vegas, visit <http://www.interop.com/>.

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