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MOBILETRAX ANNOUNCES 2006 MOBILITY AWARDS PROGRAM

Mobility Awards honor the best and finest mobile computing and wireless data communications products and services.

Cupertino, CA. January 9, 2006 – MobileTrax LLC, a leading source of information on the mobile computing and wireless data communications industry, announced today the release of the 2006 Mobility Awards winners. The 2006 Mobility Awards honor the best and finest mobile computing and wireless data communications products and services that were announced in 2005.

“There’s a need to honor the best and finest mobile computing and wireless data communications products and services,” said J. Gerry Purdy, Ph.D. Chief Analyst with MobileTrax LLC. “The annual Mobility Awards have become known as the premier award program in the mobile and wireless industry.”

The 2006 Mobility Award winners are:

Accessories

- SoundDock by Bose - Sound system accessory for the Apple iPod (all models). Provides classic Bose tabletop speaker system to play music from your Apple iPod.
- Sling Box by Sling Media - Allows you to view your TV (and TiVo) anywhere remotely using any PC or your notebook or a handheld (certain models).
- iGo everywhere130 by Mobility Electronics – One power adapter with different connectors for your notebook, cell phone or iPod. It can also can access power on airplanes via custom power connectors.

- Palm Treo 650 Wireless Headset – Model 3206WW, lightweight, adjustable Bluetooth-compatible headset offers cordless, convenient, hands-free communication. Easy set up for the Treo 650.
- Palm GPS Navigator - Bluetooth GPS Receiver, TomTom Navigator 5 software and maps of the United States and Canada, vehicle device cradle with windshield mounting bracket and suction cup pad, USB charging cable for GPS Receiver, vehicle power adapter for your Palm handheld or Treo SmartPhone and GPS Receiver. Adding navigation to wireless handhelds allows user to take navigation into any vehicle in which they are riding.

Cell Phones

- Motorola RAZR – The fashion cell phone of 2006. Hit product has remade Motorola as a major cell phone player. Flip open clamshell design, quad band cellular (GSM 850/900/1800/1900) plus standard features in most GSM phones.
- Nokia N90 – Multimedia hit product from Nokia that includes 2.1 megapixel (1600 x 1200 pixels) camera with Carl Zeiss Optics, autofocus and 20x digital zoom, high res display (352 x 416 pixels), video capturing in MP4 format (MPEG-4 video, AAC-LC audio) CIF resolution (352x288 pixels), MMC expansion slot, tri-band phone using Series 60 software.
- LG The V – Smart clamshell design with small but useable QWERTY keyboard, VCAST compatible (Verizon Wireless service on top of EV-DO), 1.3 megapixel camera, MP3 player, mini-SD in a nice industrial design.

Handhelds

- Apple iPod nano – Bold move by Apple to discontinue their best selling iPod Mini that included a 4GB hard drive and replace it with 4GB of flash allowing them to reduce the size, include color and provide longer battery life.
- Apple iPod (video edition) – Great color display added along with making the product line thinner, but the most important development was the ability to watch TV shows and music videos on the iPod.
- Palm T/X – In a dying PDA category, the T/X is the best PDA available in terms of price, clear display and bundled software. Includes PalmSource OS® Garnet 5.4, 128MB of memory with 100MB accessible to user, Intel 312 MHz ARM-based processor, 320 x 480 transfective TFT touchscreen display, Wi-Fi 802.11b wireless technology, Bluetooth, MultiMediaCard, SD & SDIO cards, USB sync cable, 3.08" W x 4.76" H x .61" D, 5.25 ounces. (Note: the high price of the

LifeDrive prevented us from giving it an award although we think it's an indicator of products to come).

- Symbol MC 50. Very well designed industrial handheld system. Includes Intel® XScale 520 MHz processor, Windows Mobile OS, QWERTY keyboard, USB (1.1), 64MB RAM, 802.11b, SD slot, VGA camera.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Nokia acquisition of Intellisync – gives Nokia a major player in wireless email particularly for the enterprise.
- Sybase acquisition of Extended Systems – gives Sybase a more significant player in wireless email. OneBridge will become part of the Afaria division that is focused on management of mobile devices.
- PalmSource acquisition of China MobileSoft – gives PalmSource (likely to emerge in 2006 with a new name) access to Linux and value added services for cell phones.
- Access acquisition of PalmSource – Combined company can provide “next generation” platforms for 3G handsets and beyond using Linux as a kernel and value added services such as browser, power management, application integration.
- Sprint acquisition of Nextel – smart move by Sprint even though the networks are not compatible as Nextel gives Sprint access to more enterprise customers.

Notebooks

Business Notebook

- Lenovo ThinkPad T43 – Pentium M 750 (1.86 GHz), 512MB of RAM, 5.5 lbs, 14.1” display, 80GB disk drive, built-in a/b/g Wi-Fi, DVD/CD-RW, USB 2.0 and over four hours of battery life. This is still the best all around business notebook with the latest processor and biometric security from UPEK.

Ultraportable Notebook

- Sony VAIO VGN-TX670P/W – innovative Ultraportable that includes EDGE wide area wireless communications, Pentium M Ultra Low Voltage (1.2GHz), 1GB of memory, Wi-Fi, 11.1” WXGA (1366x768) display with XBRITE, 60GB disk drive, DVD Writer (+R)/CD-RW, Memory Stick Pro and SD slots, 1394 and USB 2.0, PC Card (Type II), 2.76 lbs and 4-7 hours of battery life depending on battery. Elegant notebook that can be easily used in Coach Class when flying. Main alpha keys are cramped and should be made bigger to make this a perfect system.

Multimedia

- Toshiba Qosmio G25-AV513 – Intel Pentium M 760 (2.0GHz) with all the high end features including an amazing industrial design and two hard drives. Definitely a high end portable for multimedia and gaming.
- Apple PowerBook Model M9970LL/A - 17-inch TFT widescreen display with 1680x1050 resolution, 1.67GHz PowerPC G4 processor, 512MB memory (DDR2 PC2-4200 SDRAM), 120GB 5400rpm hard drive, Slot-load 8x SuperDrive (DVD+R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW), ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 graphics card with 128MB DDR memory, Full-size, backlit keyboard, Gigabit Ethernet, USB 2.0 and FireWire 400 & 800

Tablet

- Lenovo X41 Tablet PC – Intel Pentium M 758 (1.5GHz), 12.1” display, 512MB of RAM, 3.2 lbs. No built-in optical drive, however. Lightest convertible on the market.
- Motion Computing LS800 - Approximately half the size of most tablet PCs, the LS800 slate system has an 8.4-inch display, is less than 1 inch thick and weighs 2.2 lbs. Great for vertical markets in which people stand or walk around.

Semi-Rugged Notebook

- Hummer by Itronix – New brand of semi-rugged notebooks by Itronix. Includes semi-rugged protection (30” drop, mil spec for vibration and temperature and splash resistant), built-in GPS, Wi-Fi and wide area wireless (EDGE, EV-DO). Only a 12.1” display but contained in a stylistic design trade dress from Hummer.

Value (under \$1,000)

- HP Compaq M2000Z – For \$549 (after rebate), you get a notebook with a 15” XGA display, AMD Sempron™ 3300+ (2.0GHz/128KB L2 Cache), 512MB memory, 40GB hard drive (low cost to upgrade to 60GB), DVD player (add on to get CD-RW), integrated b/g Wi-Fi. Good starter system for students or anyone with a limited budget. Typical system will likely run a little more with add-ons and upgrades, but still a great value. (Note: Dell Inspiron B120 lists for \$499 but only has 256MB of memory and no built-in wireless which we can’t endorse people to buy in today’s connected environment).

Security

- Cranite Systems SafeConnect – provides the best security possible for remote access users whether they are in a public Wi-Fi HotSpot or at home. Adds significant security to VPN.
- UPEK – fingerprint biometric security added to the IBM X41 Ultraportable.

- F-Secure Mobile Security - Enables secure mobile computing by combining an integrated antivirus and firewall for Windows Mobile and Nokia Series 60 and 80.
- Zone Alarm by Zone Labs – Internet security solutions for notebooks with firewall, anti-spyware, antivirus, ID & privacy protection, email security, Web content filtering, anti-phishing protection, spam blocker.
- Credant Mobile Guardian – Enterprise solution securing notebooks, tablet PCs, PDAs and SmartPhones from a single management interface, while integrating with enterprise directories for centralized security policy management.
- Symantec AntiVirus for Handhelds (Corporate Edition) - antivirus technologies protect handheld-resident data against malicious code downloaded from the Web, sent via email or a Wi-Fi connection, or beamed via Bluetooth or infrared ports. Supports Symbian, Palm & Windows Mobile environments.

Services

- Verizon Wireless VCAST Service – uses the Verizon Wireless EV-DO data communications network developed by Qualcomm and provides 380K bps on average. Offers news, weather, sports and financial information plus videos from a number of partners. Limited number of concurrent users.
- iPass Corporate Access - Using a single client application, iPass service provides access to the Internet and corporate network over 40,000 dial-up, Wi-Fi hotspot and hotel Ethernet broadband connections in over 150 countries.
- BT Infonet's MobileXpress – Delivers remote workers a single, global network access service. MobileXpress supports the widest range of access technologies in the industry and has the widest geographic reach (+150 countries -- including access on airline, maritime, and rail transportation). MobileXpress also offers users one of the world's largest Wi-Fi networks, with more than 14,000 hotspots in 50+ countries

Software

- Action Engine – Provides a new way for users to access information on cell phones rather than using the limited WAP menu tree. Allows users to define what's at each level on the icon display. Provides access to a number of content portals such as news, weather, sports and financial.
- AvantGo Wireless – New direct way to provide automated delivery of content to wireless devices. Choose your channels and updates are automatically sent wirelessly to your device. Enterprise version allows customization of channels.
- Avvenu – allows you to view files and photos stored on any PC with your phone or wireless PDA. Makes it easy to share folders with others since they will always

be able to see the contents (files and photos) that are up to date. Requires no synchronization.

- ClairAccess - Enables users to send an email or text message from any device to interact with any enterprise application and immediately receive a message back with the information or action required to be productive.
- CrossFire by AppForge - Allows developers to create mobile applications regardless of device or platform and it uses Microsoft programming languages to make programming easy.
- GoodAccess by Good Technology – Complement to GoodLink for email; allows enterprises to download corporate data from major enterprise back end systems like Oracle, SAP and Siebel Systems.
- Intellisync Mobile Suite – Gained significant traction in carriers for wireless email and was then acquired by Nokia. Allows Nokia to play strong against RIM BlackBerry and Good Technology GoodLink.
- MobileAware Mobile Interaction Server (MIS) & ODC Client - Enables web applications to deliver single-source content to multiple channels and devices, Over 1,000 devices supported such as mobile phones, SmartPhones, PDAs and PCs.
- Orative – Enhanced calling features for cell phones. Allows users on the Orative network to determine if someone is available to take a call and if not, what actions are required (schedule, decline, defer).
- PodBridge – Podcast publishing and advertising platform. Assists content providers to publish audio/video podcasts, and precisely measure usage through its proprietary Podscore technology. Content providers can now easily build their podcast listener audience and prove its value to advertisers.
- Avocent SonicAdmin - Provides secure remote management of servers and network equipment from a Palm wireless handheld device. SonicAdmin software enables mobile resolution of critical IT events whenever and wherever they occur across the enterprise without the need for IT staff to return to a fixed location to diagnose.
- Voice Signal – Beyond name or number dialing by voice, Voice Signal can now create SMS speech to text replies.

Storage

- Toshiba MK1233GAS 2.5” Hard Disk Drive with 120GB capacity - 9.5mm high, 12ms average seek time, ATA-6 interface, two platters with four heads, 100MB/sec transfer rate, 8MB buffer, 300,000 MTTF hours.
- Toshiba MK8007GAH 1.8” Hard Disk Drive with 80GB – 8.0mm high, 62 grams, 15ms average seek time, two platters with four heads, 100MB/s Ultra DMA transfer rate, 300,000 MTTF hours.
- SanDisk Ultra® II SD™ Plus Cards - Innovative SD Card design that incorporates USB. Simply fold the SD card, and it become a USB drive, so you can plug it directly into your USB port, eliminating the need for a card reader.

Wi-Fi

- Airgo Networks AGN300 – Introduced a/g/b MIMO technology that allows above 100M bps transmission – submitted technology to the 802.11n IEEE Standards Group. Dialog continues to settle 802.11n standard with 26 firms supporting WCA version that includes Atheros & Cisco (but not Airgo).
- Tropos – Emerged as the industry leader in municipal Wi-Fi networks with over 250 customers. Deployed primarily to support public safety but also can provide low cost wireless broadband access to residents of the municipality.
- Wayport – Signed up McDonalds & UPS Stores to break through 10,000 points of access. Partners with iPass for enterprise access.
- Xirrus Wireless LAN Array – Array system allows for very high bandwidth communications among computers in a local area network. Up to 16 integrated Access Points to deliver 864Mbps of Wi-Fi bandwidth over a large area.
- Colubris Intelligent Multiservice WLAN System – System developed for use by Boeing Connexion for installation of Wi-Fi networks on airplanes which will be a big market over the coming years. Already working on Lufthansa flights.

Wide Area Wireless

- EV-DO by Qualcomm – Rolled out aggressively by Verizon Wireless and now by Sprint. Provides average of 300K+ bps data communications allowing full motion video.

Product of the Year

- Apple iPod nano – elegant design, high demand and innovative engineering result in the 4GB iPod nano being the Mobility Awards Product of the Year.

The companies who have won a Mobility Award will get to use the award's logo in their marketing materials and on the Web. They will also be able to order a high quality blue leaded crystal vase for display in their lobby or display area.

Companies (and their PR agencies) who believe their mobile or wireless product or service should be considered for a 2007 Mobility Award should go to the MobileTrax Web site and complete the nomination form for the 2007 awards. The MobileTrax team will consider all nominations as well as make awards on its own. The selection process is at the sole discretion of MobileTrax. The decision process is independent of any financial commitment made by the vendor to MobileTrax. Only a limited number of Mobility Awards will be issued.

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