

TechAmerica Announces Recipients of 52nd Annual David Packard Medal of Achievement and Innovator Awards

Washington, D.C. – TechAmerica today announced the winners of its 52nd annual David Packard Medal of Achievement and Innovator Awards, which honors individuals for their contributions to the technology industry. Since 1959, the event has featured TechAmerica’s highest award, the David Packard Medal of Achievement, to honor significant lifetime contributors and pioneers of the high-tech industry. Innovator Awards are also bestowed upon innovators representing different technology industry segments.

This year’s David Packard Medal of Achievement recipient is Marc Benioff, chairman and CEO of salesforce.com. He is being honored for his pioneering work in the Software as a Service (SaaS) industry, as well as his significant lifetime contribution to the high-tech industry. Mr. Benioff founded the company in 1999 with a vision to create an on-demand information management service that would replace traditional enterprise software technology.

“TechAmerica is excited to highlight Marc Benioff and the Innovator Awards recipients as they continue to influence technology development throughout the world,” said TechAmerica President and CEO Phil Bond. “We had many nominations for these prestigious awards, and we congratulate the individuals for their winning achievements.”

The Innovator Awards honor innovators representing different industry segments for their contributions to the technology industry. The TechAmerica Commercial Policy Board voted on the nominations to select one winner in each of the following categories: Clean Tech/Green Tech/Smart Grid; Cloud Computing; Cyber Security; Internet; Medical Devices; Server and Storage Technology; Software; and Telecommunications.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Reid Hoffman, Executive Chairman and CEO, LinkedIn, and Partner, Greylock Partners

United Healthcare Corporate Wellness Innovator Award: Timothy Guertin, President and CEO, Varian Medical Systems

Community Service Innovator Award: Matthew Flannery, Co-Founder and CEO, Kiva

2010 Innovator Award for Clean Tech/Green Tech/Smart Grid: Ken Stedman, Founder and CTO, M2 Renewable, Inc.

2010 Innovator Award for Cloud Computing: Ray Muslimani, CEO, Global Computer Enterprises

2010 Innovator Award for Cybersecurity: Paul Cormier, Executive Vice President and President of Products and Technologies, Red Hat

2010 Innovator Award for Internet: Heath Clarke, Chairman and CEO, Local.com

2010 Innovator Award for Medical Devices: Francie Hall, Marketing Communications Specialist, Aspen Medical Products, Inc.

2010 Innovator Award for Software: Sheldon Razin, Chairman of the Board, Quality Systems

The winners were announced on Monday, October 11 at TechAmerica's David Packard Medal of Achievement and Innovator Awards 52nd Annual Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley in East Palo Alto, CA. For more information about the event, please visit

www.techamerica.org/innovatorawards.