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Sirius' Innovative IT Solutions Earn Several IBM® PartnerWorld Beacon Awards

IBM's Largest North American Solution Provider Named Winner in Two Categories and a Finalist in Three Others in Recognition of Accomplishments for On Demand IT Solutions in 2005.

San Antonio – January 24, 2006 – Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc. continues to lead in IBM PartnerWorld® Beacon Awards by winning multiple awards in key IBM categories. Sirius, who recently celebrated twenty-five years in business, was named a finalist in five categories and a winner in two of those, for a second consecutive year, achieving the distinction of being the only IBM Business Partner to win in two categories.

IBM PartnerWorld Beacon Awards acknowledge the best solutions IBM Business Partners have to offer across all IBM product lines.

"IBM is focused on innovation in an on demand marketplace," says Harvey Najim, Sirius president and CEO, "which is exactly where Sirius excels. Our multi-brand certified and experienced IT professionals provide innovative solutions to address real customer challenges. Innovation is unique to every single customer engagement, and providing IT solutions that increase our customers' ability to compete in the marketplace is our goal. Earning these IBM Beacon Awards is the result of that customer focus."

Sirius won the IBM Beacon Award for **Overall Technical Excellence in an IBM Business Partner**. Sirius received this award for the business impact of a broad array of technical services and solutions provided by certified consultants and for its excellence in specific IBM product lines and initiatives. Sirius' adoption of the IBM On Demand Business philosophy, along with implementation of innovative business solutions and strategic marketing, demonstrate leadership and technical excellence in providing customers with the best IBM solutions available. Since its founding in 1980, Sirius has contributed more than \$3Billion in IBM sales revenue, and it represents the entire IBM product portfolio.

Sirius won the second IBM Beacon Award for the **Most Innovative Financing Program**. Sirius considers IBM Global Financing (IGF) an integral part of the company's business strategy. Sirius is dedicated to offering customers financing solutions by providing comprehensive education to its sales force and investing in dedicated resources and tools. Judges remarked that Sirius had "an excellent collaboration with IGF with admirable internal business processes."

Sirius was also named as a finalist in the categories of (1) **Best IBM xSeries On Demand Solution** for a complex adaptation of the xSeries® server line for a specialized industry segment and comprehensive IT infrastructure solution across IBM xSeries, BladeCenter®, TotalStorage®, and Tivoli® products integrated with VMware®, Microsoft®, Citrix® and McDATA®; (2) **Best IBM System z9® and eServer™ zSeries® On Demand Solution** for a

Disaster Recovery solution based on IBM eServer zSeries z890 systems, Workload Charging (WLC), Extended Remote Copy (XRC), and Capacity On Demand; and (3) **Best of IBM SMB Business Partner Teaming**, for an eServer i5™ infrastructure solution for SSA Global applications, and what the judges called “a classic example of teaming among system implementer, ISV and IBM to deliver best in class solutions to customers.”

“If I asked our customers to describe the Sirius professionals who helped bring these solutions to completion, they would comment on the skills, focus, and desire to solve business problems with innovative IT solutions,” said Najim. “At the center of every one of these solutions is the customer and their need to solve a business problem. Whether it’s improved disaster recovery, increased customer service, decreased operational costs, or capacity on demand, we translate IBM technology innovation into business innovation.”

Sirius is a national IBM Premier Business Partner and the largest IBM Solution Provider in North America. Sirius provides IBM On Demand Business solutions to leading companies of all sizes and industries. Sirius’ certified and experienced sales and technical teams design, integrate, deliver and modernize IT environments to make businesses more competitive.

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