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***EHX Announces Distributed Audio Awards Winners***

Awards Showcase the Country's Leading Distributed Audio Manufacturers

Wayland, MA - November 19, 2002 - Electronic House Expo (EHX) announced the winners of its first annual Distributed Audio Awards contest during the 2002 Fall EHX held last week in Long Beach, Calif. The Distributed Audio Awards recognize the finest achievements in distributed audio technology introduced during the 2001-2002 year. The judges recognized Distributed Audio Award winners in 10 product categories and a distributed audio product of the year. The winners were:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Product Name</b>
Alternative Transmission Technology	OnQ Technologies	A-Bus 4-Room Finish Kit
Connectivity Products	<b>Erie Products</b>	Infoplate Plus
Digital Audio Storage & Music Management Systems	ELAN Home Systems	VIA!DJ
Distribution Amplifiers	Audio Design Associates	PTM-3245
In-Ceiling Speakers	Niles Audio Corp.	Directed Soundfield Speaker Line
In-Wall Speakers (Less than \$1k/Pair)	ELAN Home Systems	MP650W
In-Wall/In-Ceiling Subwoofer	ELAN Home Systems	MP800S
Multi-room Audio Controls/ User Interfaces	Russound	ABUS Multi-Source System
Multi-room Controllers/Processors	ELAN Home Systems	System6 Integrated Multi-zone Controller
Racks and Mounts	OnQ Technologies	OnQ 19" Custom Rack Drawer
Best Distributed Audio Product	Russound	.5ABUS Multi-Source System

"Manufacturers have responded to consumers' increasing appreciation for installed audio products with new technologies that provide convenience, performance and quality at increasingly affordable prices," stated Kerry Moyer director of product divisions for CEA and foreman of the judging panel that included Craig Abplanalp, Definitive Audio; Kerry Anderson, AudioVisions; Cindy Davis, Electronic House magazine; and Jim De Marco, The Greater Alarm Company, Inc.

"We believe the distributed audio market will expand rapidly from its current seven percent market penetration in new homes to better than 20 percent penetration in five years or less," said John Galante, vice president of EH Events & Education to a crowd of 500 industry professionals gathered at the EHX After Hours Party held in conjunction with the show. "The products that were entered in the Distributed Audio Awards contest (and especially those that won category recognition) will help open up the market, create substantial new revenues and profits for dealers and builders, and bring great enjoyment and value to consumers."

To be eligible for the distributed audio awards, products must have been introduced to the market between August 1, 2001 and Nov. 13, 2002. Entrants submitted written applications and support materials in the summer of 2002, answering questions regarding the uniqueness, benefits and advantages of their

products. These applications were compiled and sent to a panel of expert judges, who also reviewed entrant presentations and demonstrations at the Long Beach Convention Center on Nov. 12.

For more information on the award winners, including product images, award presentation photos, and contact info for winners, please contact Nancy Rolfe at [nrolfe@ehpub.com](mailto:nrolfe@ehpub.com) or 508.358.3400 x234.

Electronic House Expo is the fastest growing tradeshow and conference of the \$15 billion connected home industry. Held twice annually, the EHX tradeshow floor provides an invaluable forum for information exchange and new product demonstrations from leading manufacturers and service providers across the entire connected home spectrum of home networking, automation, entertainment, and security. The EHX cutting-edge conference program educates thousands of connected home professionals - from beginners to seasoned pros - in seminars, full-day boot camps and keynote sessions given by the industry's top insiders. For more information, visit [www.EHexpo.com](http://www.EHexpo.com).

### **About EH Events & Education**

EH Events & Education develops and produces world-class trade shows, conferences and events for the connected home industry. The EH Events & Education flagship event, Electronic House Expo (EHX), is the leading trade event of the connected home industry, joining thousands of industry professionals together with leading manufacturers and service providers. An integral business unit of EH, EH Events & Education provides the connected home industry with essential educational forums that promote awareness and commerce for this \$15 billion market.

### **About CEA**

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) represents more than 1000 corporate members involved in the design, development, manufacturing and distribution of audio, video, mobile electronics, wireless and landline communications, information technology, multimedia and accessory products, as well as related services that are sold through consumer channels. Combined, CEA's members account for more than \$80 billion in annual sales. CEA's resources are available online at [www.CE.org](http://www.CE.org), the definitive source for information about the consumer electronics industry.

CEA also sponsors and manages the International CES - Defining Technology's Future. All profits from CES are reinvested into industry services, including technical training and education, industry promotion, engineering standards development, market research and legislative advocacy.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 2003 International CES – Defining Technology's Future  
January 9-12, 2003, Las Vegas, NV
- Electronic House Expo - Spring  
February 26-March 1, 2003, Orlando, FL
- 2003 CEA Winter Summit  
March 4-6, 2003, St. Regis Aspen, Aspen, CO
- Electronic House Expo – Fall  
November 10-13, 2003, Long Beach, CA