



Canada's IT Channel Demonstrates Leadership and Innovation - Jolera wins overall Solution-Provider-of-the-Year Award -

TORONTO, ON – September 11, 2015 –Canada's IT Channel came together last night to celebrate leading, innovative technology solutions to business challenges at the annual Channel Elite Awards, held by Computer Dealer News. Taking the top award this year is Jolera (a leading technology service provider) for its total end-to-end solution provided to Ontario's Ministry of Transportation for its vehicle Drive Test Programs. This solution effectively ushered in a new era for this entity, leveraging technology to deliver vastly improved customer service from self-serve kiosks for customers and tablets for examiners through to enhanced transaction speeds, accuracy, 24/7 support and disaster recovery – all with savings of more than \$2 million.

"The information technology channel in Canada accounts for as much as 80 per cent of revenues for technology companies", said Paolo Del Nibletto, editor, Computer Dealer News. "And, its success is incumbent on the ability of the companies within it to understand the business needs of customers — the ultimate end-users of that technology — and how best to achieve the desired outcomes. Jolera has done just that, going above and beyond and pushing the envelope in terms of delivery and creativity."

Now in its 13th year, the Channel Elite Awards highlight business transformation solutions and include: Best Enterprise Solution, Best Mid-Market Solution, Best Small Business Solution, Best Service Organization, Best Mobile Solution, Best Cloud Solution, Best Managed Services Solution, Best Channel Marketing Solution and the overall category of Solution Provider of the Year, which is based on a body of work completed over the previous twelve months. New this year is CDN's Best Security Solution.

CEA's annual awards committee comprises notable professionals in the solution provider channel, the CIO community and the non-profit sector. Submissions are judged on the basis of five important criteria: Innovation, Improved Sales or Revenue, Improved Efficiency, Customer Service, and "the X-Factor" - where the solution provider has gone above and beyond industry norms or created a special one of a kind solution that made an impact.

CDN is pleased to announce the 2015 Channel Elite Award Winners:

Solution Provider of the Year - Jolera

Best Security Solution

Gold - Graycon Group Silver Winner - Infinite IT Solutions Bronze – HoneyTek Systems

Best Cloud Computing Solution

Gold - ESRI Canada Silver Winner - ITnorth.ca Bronze - Envision IT

Best Mobile Solution

Gold - Tenet Computer Group Silver Winner - Infinite IT Solutions Bronze – EPAM Systems

Best Service Organization

Gold - Infinite IT Solutions Silver Winner - CompuCom Canada Bronze – MNB I.T. Services

Best Small Business Solution

Gold - Navantis Silver Winner - Digitcom Bronze – XCEL Professional Services

Best Mid-Market Solution

Gold - Clear Concepts Silver Winner - Konverge Digital Solutions Bronze – Digitcom

Best Enterprise Solution

Gold - Sela Canada Silver Winner - WBM Office Systems Bronze – IT Weapons

Best Managed Services Solution

Gold - Navantis Silver Winner - Compugen Bronze – Itergy

For more information and to read about the unique solutions that resulted in awards, check out: www.computerdealernews.com/channel-elite-awards

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