

F5 NETWORKS CEO JOINS COMPUTERWORLD HONORS CHAIRMEN'S COMMITTEE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Bob Carrigan, Chairman of the Computerworld Honors Program Chairmen's Committee and President of IDG Communications, has announced that John McAdam, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, F5 Networks, has been appointed to its prestigious Chairmen's Committee. Comprised of an elite group of top technology executives, the committee strives to recognize IT companies that have leveraged technology through the betterment of society.

The Computerworld Honors Program unites Chairmen and CEOs of the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize the most outstanding user achievements in technology each year. The process culminates with an awards ceremony, which will take place on June 5, 2006 in Washington, D.C., with a guest list that represents a who's who in IT. The technology achievements honored by this program are preserved and protected in national archives, and in over 100 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world.

“The Chairmen's Committee is comprised of the strongest in innovative leadership the IT industry has to offer,” said Bob Carrigan, Chairman, The Computerworld Honors Program Chairmen's Committee and President of IDG Communications. “Mr. McAdam's solid background and known leadership ability makes him an ideal candidate to serve on the committee.”

As part of the Chairmen's Committee, McAdam will help to identify the organizations whose use of information technology has been especially noteworthy for the originality of its conception, the breadth of its vision and the significance of its benefit to society.

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About F5 Networks

F5 Networks is the global leader in Application Delivery Networking. F5 provides solutions that make applications secure, fast and available for everyone, helping organizations get the most out of their investment. By adding intelligence and manageability into the network to offload applications, F5 optimizes applications and allows them to work faster and consume fewer resources. F5's extensible architecture intelligently integrates application optimization, protects the application and the network, and delivers application reliability - all on one universal platform. Over 10,000 organizations and service providers worldwide trust F5 to keep their applications running. The company is headquartered in Seattle, Washington with offices worldwide. For more information, go to www.f5.com.

About the Computerworld Honors Program

Founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, and governed by the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation, a Massachusetts not-for-profit corporation, the Computerworld Honors Program searches for and recognizes individuals and organizations who have demonstrated vision and leadership as they strive to use in innovative ways across 10 categories. Each year, the Computerworld Honors Chairmen's Committee nominates organizations that are using information technology to improve society for inclusion in the Computerworld Honors Online Archives and the Collections of Global Archives. The Global Archives represents the 100-plus institutions from more than 30 countries that include the Computerworld Honors Collection in their archives and libraries. Now in its 18th year, the Computerworld Honors Program is the industry's leading global IT awards program. www.cwheroes.org

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