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ACT BUSINESS COMMUNITY SHINES AT iAWARDS

Canberra Business Council congratulates **Mr Brand Hoff** and **Alacrity Technologies** on winning national honours at the 2011 iAwards, Australia's premier technology awards program.

"At the Awards Ceremony on 4 August 2011, the ACT once again demonstrated the depth, talent and success of its local business community," Canberra Business Council CEO, Chris Faulks said.

Mr Hoff is currently Chairman of Canberra Business Council and is the founder and former CEO of Tower Software. His lifetime of achievement in the technology industry was recognised at the iAwards when he was awarded the prestigious Pearcey Medal.

Dr Ian Oppermann, Director ICT Centre at CSIRO, praised Mr Hoff after his win, "2011 Pearcey Medal winner Brand Hoff has been an outstanding business leader and exemplar entrepreneur for the whole of his career. His pioneering efforts in Document Management Systems positioned Australia as the world leader in the creation and use of this now pervasive technology," Mr Oppermann said.

Alacrity Technologies walked away with the Research and Development Award for their work on the Closed-Loop Environment for Wireless (CLEW) technology. This technology is designed to provide automated communications between organisations and their clients for time critical information.

Winners of the national iAwards, including Alacrity Technologies, will now have the opportunity to compete internationally at the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards later this year.

Ms Faulks said, "I would also like to commend the winners of the ACT iAwards who were all in the running for national honours at last week's event."

The 2011 iAwards Company Category ACT Winners were:

e-Government Category

Winner: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Cordelta and Cogent (Joint Nomination) for MyHospitals.gov.au

Research and Development Category

Winner: CSIRO ICT Centre for Phenonet

Start-up Company Category

Winner: Cloud Centra for CloudCentral

Sustainability and Green IT Category

Winner: CSIRO ICT Centre for Phenonet

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