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ZIGBEE TAKES TOP HONORS AT CONNECTED@HOME WHILE CELEBRATING SOLD OUT ZIGBEE DEVELOPERS' CONFERENCE; ZIGBEE AWARDED "BEST TECHNOLOGY OF THE YEAR" BY CABA

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The ZigBee Alliance announced it was the recipient of Connected@Home's inaugural "Best Technology of the Year" award. ZigBee was honored as the technology to make the automated home a reality because of its reliability, low cost, long battery life and ease of deployment. The ZigBee Alliance also celebrated its sold out ZigBee Developers' Conference, held in conjunction with the Connected@Home2005 show in Las Vegas. The ZigBee Developers' Conference provided developers with a hands-on opportunity to explore the ZigBee specification in detail and learn first-hand how to incorporate ZigBee into wireless sensing and control products.

"By incorporating new wireless technologies based on ZigBee, consumers will realize an immediate impact on increased efficiency of utility costs, greater safety in and around their homes and a long term economic value," said Rawlson O'Neil King, Communications Director for CABA. "The ZigBee Alliance has an impressive membership that is already delivering innovative ZigBee-ready products for the residential market, and we look forward to seeing ZigBee products announced leading up to next year's Connected@Home."

The ZigBee specification was officially ratified by the ZigBee Alliance in late-2004. In early 2005, the Alliance announced the availability of four ZigBee-compliant platforms and in June of 2005 the Alliance made the specification publicly available to product manufacturers, OEMs, universities, research institutions and software developers to review the technical details of the specification in its entirety. Following the release four months ago, more than 12,000 download requests have been processed. Today, the Alliance includes a rapidly growing list of over 180 industry leaders from around the world representing semiconductor manufacturers, wireless IP providers, OEMs and end users.

"The ZigBee Alliance has seen an incredible level of interest in joining the Alliance and developing products based on ZigBee. We were particularly excited by the overwhelming response to our inaugural ZigBee Developers' Conference," said Bob Heile, chairman of the ZigBee Alliance. "This was a tremendous opportunity for developers to experience the true value of the ZigBee specification while learning from ZigBee members, and we're already planning for next year's event. As we continue fostering the growing ZigBee market, it will be interesting to see the types of innovative products delivered in the coming year."

Continuing its efforts to educate the residential, commercial and industrial markets on the benefits of wireless sensing solutions, the ZigBee Alliance will have a significant presence at the upcoming BuilConn expo in Amsterdam, November 8-10, hosting a full-day track on ZigBee and moderating the "ZigBee Application Workshop." The ZigBee Alliance will

also hold its next Open House in Mongkok, Hong Kong on December 8 at the Langham Place Hotel. The Open House will include keynote speakers, concurrent technical tracks and an evening reception for ZigBee members, attendees and the media. For more details on upcoming ZigBee events or to register for the Hong Kong Open House visit www.zigbee.org/events.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

About ZigBee Alliance

The ZigBee Alliance is an association of companies working together to enable reliable, cost-effective, low-power, wirelessly networked, monitoring and control products based on an open global standard. The ZigBee Alliance is a rapidly growing, non-profit industry consortium of leading semiconductor manufacturers, technology providers, OEMs, integrators, application developers, and end-users worldwide. Membership is open to all. Additional information can be found at www.zigbee.org.

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