



News Release

Compellent Honored as 2008 Microsoft Partner of the Year for Advanced Infrastructure Solutions, Storage Solutions

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., June 16, 2008 – Compellent Technologies, Inc. (NYSE Arca: CML) today announced it has won the 2008 Microsoft Partner of the Year award for Advanced Infrastructure Solutions, Storage Solutions. The company was chosen out of an international field of top Microsoft partners as delivering market-leading customer solutions built on Microsoft technology.

“The Microsoft Partner of the Year award is a great validation of our efforts to optimize Compellent virtualized storage so users do more with their data in Windows environments,” said Phil Soran, CEO and co-founder of Compellent. “Compellent remains committed to providing the most advanced, intuitive storage solution for enterprises of all sizes. We will continue to provide value to our partners, and listen to our customers to deliver the best storage solution for the virtual data center.”

Awards were presented in a number of categories, with winners chosen from a pool of more than 2,000 entrants worldwide. Compellent was recognized for superior technology and innovation in Advanced Infrastructure Solutions, Storage Solutions. The Advanced Infrastructure Solutions, Storage Solutions Partner of the Year award honors partners that have storage infrastructure practices in designing and/or implementing various storage solutions to solve customers’ issues with data growth in their Windows-based environments. Customers are looking to Microsoft technologies to meet the growing demands on their storage infrastructure due to compliance requirements and the massive year-over-year data growth. The winning partner will have developed and deployed cost-effective storage solutions that integrated Windows Server storage technologies or Windows Storage Server in customer environments.

“Compellent Technologies Storage Center simplifies numerous storage tasks for administrators and helps reduce overall storage total cost of ownership,” said Robert Deshaies, Vice President, U.S. Partner Group, Microsoft Corp. “Microsoft is excited to recognize Compellent Technologies Storage Center solution because it makes it possible for administrators to recover data for Microsoft Exchange Server, SQL Server, and other Microsoft applications quickly and easily.”

The Microsoft Partner Program Awards recognize Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered exceptional Microsoft-based solutions during the last year.

Compellent is a Microsoft Certified Gold-Level Partner and a Sponsor-level partner of the Microsoft Partner Solution Center (MPSC) in Redmond, Wash. The Compellent SAN was also recently selected as a core storage component of the MPSC’s virtual data center and disaster recovery strategy. For additional information about the alliance or to schedule a Compellent demo at the MPSC, visit www.compellent.com/microsoft. More information about Compellent Storage Center is available at www.compellent.com/products.

About Compellent

Compellent is a leading provider of enterprise-class network storage solutions that are highly scalable, feature-rich and designed to be easy to use and cost effective. Compellent Technologies' principal offices are located in Eden Prairie, Minn. For more information, please visit: <http://www.compellent.com>.

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