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**AKAMAI, EQUALLOGIC WIN COMPANY OF THE YEAR HONORS AT
MASSNETCOMMS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

*DIRECTV'S Chase Carey Receives Industry Player Award;
EqualLogic's Don Bulens, Starent's Ash Dahod Win CEO of the Year Awards*

BOSTON, April 16, 2008 – The Massachusetts Networks Communications Council (MassNetComms), announced today that Akamai and EqualLogic won Public and Private Company of the Year honors, respectively, at its annual awards ceremony at the Cambridge Hyatt. The Council also named Chase Carey, CEO of DIRECTV, as Industry Player of the Year. In addition, Don Bulens, CEO of Equallogic, and Ash Dahod, CEO of Starent Networks, were named CEOs of the Year.

“Akamai continues to be the engine that makes the Internet run around the world, said E.Y. Snowden, chairman of the MassNetComms Board. “Also, the acquisition of EqualLogic by Dell last year for more than one billion dollars was truly a remarkable exit.. These two companies demonstrate that Massachusetts continues to be a center for innovation and communications and networking excellence.”

Last year, Akamai continued its torrid growth pace, increasing revenue by 48 percent to more than half a billion dollars. Akamai also increased its long-term customer contracts by 13 percent, to a total of 2,645. EqualLogic had built its customer base to more than 3,200 prior to its purchase last November by Dell for \$1.4 billion in cash. The company makes data storage systems that simplify the way enterprises of all sizes store and protect information.

Additional Winners

Jon Roberts, Chief Information Officer of CVS Caremark was awarded the CIO of the Year honor. In total more than 300 network communications executives filled the President's Ballroom at the Cambridge Hyatt for the MassNetComms event, which included Hall of Fame inductions for Edson de Castro, co-founder of Data General, and Charles Stuckey, former chairman of RSA Security, now part of EMC.

“Our industry continues to be an incubator for companies with formidable technology and products. These companies, both large and small, and public and private, have maintained Massachusetts as one of the epicenters of the telecommunications and



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networking industry” said Snowden. “Despite a number of difficult years, we’re now showing renewed strength and vitality.”

Snowden said the organization chose Carey as key industry player because DIRECTV is at the center of remarkable changes in the entertainment and communications industry, helping to foster new innovations in on-demand services and high definition applications.

The complete list of winners follows:

Key Industry Player

Chase Carey, CEO, DIRECTV

Largest Private Financing

Brightcove

Largest IPO

Starent Networks

Network Communications Hall Of Fame

Edson de Castro, Co-Founder, Data General
Charles Stuckey, Former Chairman and CEO, RSA Security

Product of the Year

Vanu Anywave Base Station

CIO of the Year

Jon Roberts, Chief Information Officer, CVS Caremark

Fastest Growth in Massachusetts

AT&T

Best Performance in Public Markets

Nuance

CEO of the Year, Public Company

Ash Dahod, Starent Networks

CEO of the Year, Private Company

Don Bulens, EqualLogic

Company of the Year, Public

Akamai

Company of the Year, Private

EqualLogic



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About the Massachusetts Network Communications Council

Based in Waltham, Mass., the Massachusetts Network Communications Council supports more than 200 telecommunications, Internet, software and application companies and affiliated organizations throughout the Commonwealth and New England. MassNetComms works through its members and events, as well as policy and workforce initiatives to promote the Commonwealth as an international center for network communications development and to increase the global presence of local entities. Founded in 1993, MassNetComms provides a regular schedule of informative speakers, panel discussions and debates on current issues in technology and business, industry training and networking opportunities, as well as access to industry information through its Web site. MassNetComms members participate in issues-focused committees, such as workforce development, government affairs, membership, program development and international trade. More information is available at massnetcomms.org.