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**Northern Virginia Technology Council Honors the Region's Rising Tech Stars
at NVTC Hot Ticket Awards**

Awards Celebrate the Accomplishments of "Hot" Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurial Companies

(HERNDON, VA, June 28, 2007) – The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) last night celebrated the efforts of entrepreneurial companies and individuals in the National Capital region's technology community at the **NVTC Hot Ticket Awards Party**. For the first time in the awards' six-year history, the finalists and winners in the categories of "Hottest Bootstrap," "Hottest Buzz," "Hottest Exit," "Hottest Management Team" and "Hottest Venture Capital Deal" were announced at the party.

The finalists and winners were:

Hall of Fame Award

- **Sourcefire ****Winner******

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Hottest Bootstrap

- **Network Alliance ****Winner******
- Excitations
- LanceSoft
- Mobile Posse
- RollStream

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Hottest Buzz

- **Athena Technologies Inc. ****Winner******
- Clearspring Technologies
- Command Information
- GetWellNetwork, Inc.
- Platinum Solutions Inc.

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Hottest Exit

- **Network Solutions **Winner****
- Finetre Corporation
- Liquidity Services, Inc.
- Mobile 365
- Sourcefire

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Hottest Management Team

- **BroadSoft, Inc. **Winner****
- Approva
- Digital Bridge
- Managed Objects
- RealOps, Inc.
- SkyBitz, Inc.

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Hottest Venture Capital Deal

- Parature ****Winner****
- Arxan Technologies, Inc.
- Freewebs
- Global Logic
- Harmony Information Systems

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The festivities, attended by more than 500 local technology entrepreneurs, business leaders and other special guests, were held poolside at the home of **NVTC President & CEO Bobbie Kilberg** in McLean, Va. The awards ceremony was emceed by **John Hurley** of **DLA Piper** and **Steve Winings** of **CTPartners**. **DLA Piper** and **CTPartners** were the evening's "Smoking Hot Sponsors." Other sponsors included the "Steaming Hot Sponsors"—**Bowne Financial Communications** and **Principal Financial Group**—and Media Sponsors—**Bisnow on Business**, **Potomac Tech Wire**, **TechJournal South** and the **Washington Business Journal**.

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