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**Technology Association of Georgia Excalibur Awards Judges Announced**  
*Award Application Deadline Extended to Recognize Georgia's Tech-Enabled Companies*

**Atlanta, Ga.-** The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) is pleased to announce the judges for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Excalibur Awards which recognize businesses throughout the state that have taken advantage of technology to conquer the competition. The judges include:

- Ashish Bahl, Chief Executive Officer, Harbor Payments
- Neeraj Basandra, Chief Executive Officer, Primus Software Corporation
- Todd Bell, Vice President, Information Technology, Verizon Wireless
- Marlit Hayslett, Program Manager, Office of Policy Analysis and Research, Georgia Tech Research Institute
- Robert Hendricks, National Vice President and General Manager of IT, McKesson Provider Technologies
- Nathan Ottinger, Senior Vice President, Silicon Valley Bank
- Brian Shield, Chief Information Officer, The Weather Channel
- Tim Sullivan, Chief Information Officer, SunTrust Bank
- Sanjeev Tirath, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pyramid Consulting

"We are honored to have this prestigious panel of judges for the 2007 Excalibur Awards competition," says Tino Mantella, TAG president. "The caliber of applications and judges has continued to increase, which undoubtedly points to the strength of Georgia's technology community."

TAG initiated the Excalibur Awards in 2005 to recognize and call attention to Georgia's "tech-enabled" companies that demonstrate exemplary competency in utilizing technology to enhance their businesses. We define a "tech-enabled" company as a user of technology as opposed to a producer. The best of these companies find great ways to use current and oftentimes disruptive technology to facilitate competitive advantage. The application deadline has been extended to Friday, September 21. Please visit <http://www.tagonline.org/excalibur-awards.php>.

Nominations have been accepted from all industries, and awards will be granted to those organizations within the small, mid-size and large enterprise categories. One company will also be recognized for creative use of technology in their business. Past finalists and winners include companies such as Southern Company, Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), Macon E. Gooch Building Consultants, The Georgia Innocence Project, Popeye's Chicken 'n Biscuits, Kaufman Tire, Shaw Industries, and more.

Winners will be announced at the awards program on October 17, 2007 at the InterContinental Hotel in Buckhead. The program will feature keynote speaker Debora Wilson, President of The Weather Channel. "Against all odds, The Weather Channel has grown from a novel idea to a highly respected and innovative digital media enterprise. We have never innovated to compete—but rather to create a better product," comments Wilson. "The belief that weather information impacts people's lives has always been what has guided us. Today more than ever, in a rapidly evolving digital universe, embracing change, learning from our mistakes and never losing sight of our commitment to our customers sets us on the right path toward the future."

**About Technology Association of Georgia:**

The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support its members by generating opportunities for personal, professional and business growth. By forging strategic alliances, TAG serves as a primary catalyst to foster a rich environment for economic development in Georgia's technology community. TAG is made up of 3200 members representing technology leaders from over 1500 Georgia-based companies, affiliated technology and business organizations. For more information on TAG, visit <http://www.tagonline.org/>

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