

ASTARO SECURITY GATEWAY SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR CODIE AWARD

Nomination Continues Unprecedented String of Awards

BURLINGTON, Mass. -- January 31, 2006 -- Astaro Corporation, the leader in unified threat management for networks, has been selected by the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) as a finalist in its prestigious 21st Annual CODiE Awards, which honor outstanding achievements and vision in the software, digital content and education technology industries.

Astaro Security Gateway 6.1, the software that powers all of Astaro's unified threat management security products, is nominated in the "Best Security Solution" category.

"Astaro is honored to add this recognition to the long list of awards we have recently received," said Jan Hichert, CEO of Astaro. "Being considered for a CODiE confirms what our customers already know and what legacy security providers fear: that only an integrated, high-performance architecture based on open standards can deliver the level of protection necessary to secure networks today."

The CODiE Awards hold the distinction of being the only peer-recognition awards program of its kind in the industry, providing a unique opportunity for companies to earn the praise of their fellow developers.

Astaro Products: Total Network Security in One Integrated Package, For All Types of Networks

Astaro Security Gateway products are designed to flexibly integrate into customers' networks. Astaro's next-generation network security is available as either software or on easy-to-deploy appliances. Astaro provides nine critical security applications fully integrated on a single management platform, including:

Email Security

- Virus Protection for Email - catches viruses in conventional (SMTP and POP3) emails and attachments.
- Spam Protection - uses nine different techniques to filter out spam and without stopping legitimate emails.
- Phishing Protection - blocks emails from criminals trying to trick users into revealing confidential information.

Web Security

- Spyware Protection - detects and blocks spyware infection attempts as well as spyware communication from already infected systems.
- Virus Protection for the Web - defends computers from virus infections from web downloads and web-based emails.
- Content Filtering (Surf Protection) - can block Internet access to 60 categories of web sites.

Network Security

- Firewall - guards Internet communications traffic in and out of the organization with stateful packet inspection and application- level proxies.
- Intrusion Protection - detects and blocks probes and application- based attacks using heuristics, anomaly detection, and pattern-based techniques.
- Virtual Private Network Gateway - assures secure communications with remote offices, "road warriors," and telecommuters.

About Astaro - www.astaro.com

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products including the Astaro Security Gateway software and Astaro Security Gateway line of security appliances. All Astaro products offer nine critical security applications in three categories - Web Security, Email Security and Network Security - fully integrated on a single management platform.

The company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and with facilities in Karlsruhe, Germany. Astaro's software has won numerous industry awards, and is protecting over 25,000 networks in 60 countries, including such organizations as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Los Alamos National Labs, Stanford University and Watsco, Inc. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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