

Red Hat to Recognize Organizations with Sixth Annual Innovation Awards

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Nominations are now open in seven categories to recognize technology leaders

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced nominations are open for its sixth annual [Red Hat Innovation Awards](#), which will be presented at [Red Hat Summit and JBoss World](#), taking place June 26-29, 2012 in Boston.

Red Hat customers and partners continue to deliver compelling business value and innovation utilizing the Red Hat technology portfolio. This award program provides an opportunity to recognize and honor these organizations for their cutting-edge usage of Red Hat solutions. Organizations have the opportunity to submit their nomination in seven various categories, and category winners will be selected based on the uniqueness, complexity and magnitude of their Red Hat implementation.

Categories for the 2012 Red Hat Innovation Awards include:

Optimized Systems – Recognition of striking performance, scalability and/or groundbreaking enhancements delivered with open source solutions.

Next Generation Business Application – Recognition of overall performance of creating, maintaining and deploying successful next generation business applications, be it traditional, mobile or cloud, all while using Red Hat solutions.

Outstanding Open Source Architecture - Recognition of a combination of Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions to create innovative architectures based on Red Hat solutions.

Superior Alternatives - Recognition of the most successful migration from proprietary solutions to Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions.

Extensive Partner Ecosystem – Recognition of the most successful use of Red Hat's expanding partner ecosystem to create innovative architectures based on Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions.

Best Middleware Implementation – Recognition of the most cutting-edge utilization of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware portfolio.

Best Storage Implementation – Recognition of the most cutting-edge utilization of Red Hat Storage software.

Submissions for the Red Hat Innovation Awards will be accepted until March 16, 2012. A winner will be recognized in each of the seven categories. From these category winners, a Red Hat Innovator of the Year will be selected by the community through online voting, and will be announced during an awards ceremony at the [2012 Red Hat Summit and JBoss World](#).

Each submission will be evaluated by a panel of experts in the field of business and open source technology, including: Joe Brockmeier, editor/writer, ReadWriteWeb; Lee Congdon, CIO, Red Hat; Jim Kaskade, Stealth Startup CEO, PARC EIR, GigaOM analyst; Jay Lyman, senior analyst, Enterprise Software, 451 Research; Scott Merrill, contributor, TechCrunch; Craig Muzilla, vice president and general manager, Middleware, Red Hat.

For more information, or to submit a nomination for the [2012 Red Hat Innovation Awards](#), please visit: www.redhat.com/summit/awards. For more information on the [2012 Red Hat Summit and JBoss World](#), visit: www.redhat.com/summit.

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