

Verdiem Wins Microsoft's Innovation Partner of the Year Award

SEATTLE, June 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Verdiem, the leading developer of power management software for PC networks, proudly announced it won the 2008 Microsoft Partner of the Year award for ISV/Software Solutions, Innovation.

The company was chosen out of an international field of top Microsoft partners as delivering a market-leading customer solution built on Microsoft technology. The Microsoft Partner Program Awards recognize Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered exceptional Microsoft-based solutions during the last year.

"We're honored that this award from Microsoft recognizes Verdiem's ability to innovate and SURVEYOR's effectiveness in reducing energy waste," said Kevin Klustner, CEO of Verdiem. "The business need for cost-effective, green IT solutions is becoming increasingly more prevalent, and SURVEYOR provides a simple way for immediate returns by maximizing Windows' power settings for centralized control and robust management of PC energy."

Awards were presented in a number of categories, with winners chosen from a pool of more than 2,000 entrants worldwide. Verdiem was recognized for superior technology and innovation in ISV/Software Solutions. The ISV/Software Solutions Innovation Partner of the Year award recognizes an ISV that has developed an innovative, new approach to solving a new or existing business or consumer need utilizing the latest Microsoft server or client technologies. The winning partner also demonstrates leadership in the areas of innovation, market potential, media/analyst buzz, investor value creation and customer adoption with at least three active business customers or 1,000 consumers.

"We're pleased to see partners like Verdiem focused on delivering IT with greater environmental sustainability," said Robert Deshaies, vice president, U.S. Partner Group, Microsoft Corp. "Microsoft is excited to recognize their SURVEYOR solution, which reduces operating costs and CO2 emissions by making it possible for organizations to gain network-level control over the power settings of Windows-based PC systems."

Verdiem's SURVEYOR software for PC networks, which supports Microsoft Windows 95 through Vista, helps global businesses reduce energy consumption and the IT carbon footprint. The latest version of SURVEYOR provides IT managers with critical tools to tackle common IT energy management concerns such as reliable patch management, remote access and PC insomnia. PC insomnia, in particular, plagues organizations but often gets overlooked as sleepless PCs remain awake from common triggers such as screen savers or media players -- subsequently wasting energy and increasing CO2 emissions. By optimizing IT energy management through SURVEYOR, businesses can reduce the carbon footprint of a PC by saving 200 kWh of electricity and 440 lbs of CO2 emissions per PC, per year.