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# *WINDOWS IT PRO MAGAZINE* SPOTLIGHTS IT PRO INNOVATORS

## *Grand-Prize IT Pro Innovators Award Winners Profiled in December Issue*

November 29, 2005 (Loveland, Colorado) – The group associate publisher of Penton Media's (OTCBB:PTON) *Windows IT Pro* magazine*,* Peg Miller, announced the December issue will feature the three grand-prize winners of the 2005 *Windows IT Pro* Innovators Contest, sponsored by Microsoft. The contest recognized IT professionals who used Windows technology in innovative ways to devise specific, beneficial solutions to tough business challenges.

The grand-prize winners are David Soussan, Chief Engineer of DAS Computer Consultants, Ltd., in the small business category; Brandon Jones, System Administrator for Northern Arizona University, in the medium business category; and Jack Bridgman, Enterprise Strategy Consultant for INS, in the large business category.

"The *Windows IT Pro* Innovators contest is a terrific way to honor IT professionals who create and use original and resourceful technical solutions to the challenges they face in their jobs," said Miller. "By featuring these IT pros and their solutions in our December issue, their creativity and technical knowledge will provide insight into real-world solutions and offers a wonderful learning experience for our readers."

David Soussan, of Birmingham, Michigan, designed a scripting solution that imported data into a customized Microsoft PowerPoint presentation template. The solution saved his client, McGraw Wentworth,

thousands of manual hours and gave them a reusable template that can be used in future applications as well. Soussan's company, DAS Computer Consultants, was hired by McGraw Wentworth to create the IT solution.

Brandon Jones, of Flagstaff, Arizona, built a user-friendly solution for his employer, Northern Arizona University, which provided the means for faculty to enforce different security levels in the university's computer labs with the click of a button.

Jack Bridgman, of Anaheim, California, won in the large business category. He designed the means for a client of INS (International Network Services) to obtain statistics on a department's email usage, enabling them to determine chargeback costs for each department so that the client could justify an upgrade for their email system from Exchange Server 5.5 to Exchange Server 2003.

In addition to being featured in the magazine, the grand-prize winners each won a complimentary pass and expense-paid trip to the Exchange and Windows Connections conference October 31–November 3 in San Diego, CA. The three grand-prize winners also won a one-year subscription to *Windows IT Pro*, and will be recognized at local parties held in their honor at their places of work.

For more information on the grand-prize winners and their innovative IT solutions, see www.windowsitpro.com and click on the image of the December issue.

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