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NU wins CIO magazine's CIO 100 Award

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(8-23-05) BOSTON, Mass. - For the second time in three years, Northeastern University's Information Services department has won a prestigious CIO 100 Award from CIO magazine. This year's theme is *Bold 100* and winners of the award are being recognized for embracing significant risk for the sake of great reward. Northeastern won the award for its "Northeastern On Demand" initiative which provides for a web-based virtual computing environment where all users have access to their customized "campus" computing experience regardless of physical location or the ownership of the workstation they're using. Northeastern University partnered with Xythos Software, the leading developer of simple document and file management software, for the storage portion of the project. Northeastern also partnered with Softricity, a pioneer in application virtualization who enables Northeastern to easily deliver its' application suite "On Demand" to any workstation, anywhere, anytime.

"Our university is made up of tens of thousands of constituents and hundreds of dynamically reconfiguring teams. Our job is to help them work together and get their jobs done regardless of location," said Bob Weir, vice president of Information Services at Northeastern. "With Northeastern On Demand we will un-tether our users, providing them with a fully functioning and fully mobile computing environment that is centrally authenticated, protected and shareable. This initiative, while bold in design and deployment, is the next logical step in delivering services to our Internet, vs. campus-centric customers."

As a research institution with a mobile and distributed global community, Northeastern will begin to define the next generation of individual academic computing support when implementing Northeastern On Demand.

"When fully deployed to our campus community, over 50,000 users will be able to access key desktop applications and file storage as easy-to-use web services, available anytime, anywhere in the world. Web-enabled file storage, ubiquitous application software availability, improved data security, simplified support, and the ability for our customers to collaborate, regardless of location and time zone, are benefits that we expect from this initiative," said Rick Mickool, Executive



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Director of Information Services.

"The Bold 100 honorees stand out because they have dared to take on risk for the chance of reward in an extremely conservative business climate," says Abbie Lundberg, Editor-in-Chief, CIO. "The executives leading these organizations are smart, inventive and determined - I offer them my warmest congratulations."

The 2005 CIO 100 awards will be presented Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, California, on August 23 at the conclusion of the seventh annual CIO 100 Symposium and Awards Ceremony.

About the CIO 100

The recipients of this year's CIO 100 award were selected through a three-step process. First, companies filled out an online application form detailing their bold practices in both business and IT. Next, teams of CIO magazine editors and writers reviewed the applications in depth, looking for unique practices and substantial results. Finally, the teams met for a day-long meeting to debate the merits of each nominee and vote on the final 100.

To provide a vision of ever-changing business trends, the focus of the CIO 100 changes annually. Complete coverage of the 2005 CIO 100 awards will be in the August 15 issue of CIO magazine and available online at www.cio.com on August 15.

About Northeastern:

Northeastern University, located in the heart of Boston, Massachusetts, is a world leader in practice-oriented education and recognized for its expert faculty and first-rate academic and research facilities. Northeastern integrates challenging liberal arts and professional studies with the nation's largest cooperative education program. Through co-op, Northeastern undergraduates alternate semesters of full-time study with semesters of paid work in fields relevant to their professional interests and major, giving them nearly two years of professional experience upon graduation. The majority of Northeastern graduates receive a job offer from a co-op employer. Cited for excellence three years running by U.S. News & World Report, Northeastern has quickly moved up into the top tier rankings with an impressive 30 spots in three years. In addition, Northeastern was named a top college in the northeast by the Princeton Review 2003/04. For more information, please visit <http://www.northeastern.edu>.

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