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## **MOBILE SATELLITE USERS ASSOCIATION SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR INNOVATOR AND PIONEER AWARDS**

*McLean, VA., USA, January 21, 2009:* The Mobile Satellite Users Association announced today that it is now accepting nominations for mobile satellite innovations and for pioneers who made significant contributions to the industry. Winners will be announced at MSUA-6, its upcoming conference and exhibition, March 25-27, 2009 in Washington, DC. The MSUA-6 conference is being held in conjunction with Satellite 2009, the premier satellite industry conference and exhibition, and will feature a luncheon sponsored by Inmarsat on Wednesday March 25, at which the awards will be presented.

“Last year for the first time, MSUA conferred an MSS Innovation Award; which was presented to the developers of the Inmarsat Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN), Alan Howell and Marcus Vilaça, in recognition of the dramatically enhanced services that BGAN makes possible,” explained Bob Roe, Chairman of the MSUA, and President, Stratos Government Services, Inc, “This year we are again seeking nominations from across the MSS industry and are looking forward to selecting an equally worthy recipient.”

Tim Farrar, MSUA President, noted that “Last year, MSS Pioneer Awards were made to both the inventors of the Iridium satellite system, Bary Bertiger, Raymond Leopold and Kenneth Peterson, and the inventor of the Globalstar system, Robert Wiedeman. These individuals exemplified the forward thinking and technical leadership that has characterized the mobile satellite industry for over 30 years.”

Past recipients of the Pioneer Award include Edward J. Martin and George Tellmann, who were instrumental in the establishment of Inmarsat in the 1980s, Lars and Per Thrane, for establishing Thrane & Thrane, an industry leader in mobile satellite terminals; and Dick Tauber of Cable News Network (CNN) and Jane Holmes of National Public Radio for their early and enduring use of mobile satellite terminals in news reporting.

Nominations for both the Innovation and Pioneer Awards can be made at [http://www.satellite2009.com/msua-6/pioneer\\_innovator.html](http://www.satellite2009.com/msua-6/pioneer_innovator.html) and must be received by midnight on February 13, 2009. A panel of industry judges will review the applications and make the selection. For more details, contact Tim Farrar, MSUA President at 650 839 0376 or [president@msua.org](mailto:president@msua.org).

The Mobile Satellite Users Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of the users of Mobile Satellite Services (MSS) worldwide. It serves the interests of MSS users by fostering communications among and between MSS users, suppliers of MSS equipment and services, operators of MSS satellite systems, and the various entities that may affect the future of the industry. In addition, MSUA reviews, analyzes and reports on, from an MSS user’s perspective, the activities, regulatory decisions and critical events of the MSS industry. Finally, MSUA provides a means of assembling MSS users’ views on system and service concerns and conveying these concerns to the appropriate authorities.