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### **Patton Receives Technology Champion Award**

*Governor Robert Erlich honors Patton Electronics, Co. for economic growth and success in Maryland during 2005.*

**Gaithersburg, MD:** Patton Electronics, Co. has been named a Technology Champion for 2005 in the first annual Maryland Technology Champion Awards program sponsored by the Maryland Department of Economic Development.

The Maryland Technology Champion Awards program recognizes Maryland's top technology-oriented companies for outstanding growth and success during the past year. Governor Robert Erlich and Secretary Aris Melissaratos presented the award to Robert R. Patton, President of Patton, on Tuesday, January 31, 2006. The ceremony took place in the Governor's reception room at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, where a private reception honored 20 companies that do business in Maryland. The award-winning organizations were selected for making significant contributions to the state's economy.

"We are truly honored to be chosen for this award," said Robert R. Patton. "We launched our Maryland-based business some 22 years ago. Now our market reaches around the world. Today, the technology solutions we design and manufacture right here in Maryland benefit customers in every continent on the globe."

Located in Gaithersburg, Maryland, Patton Electronics Co. has manufactured voice and data communications equipment since 1984 for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide.

The Maryland Department of Economic Development Professionals provided nominations for the program, along with service providers and other strategic partners that assist technology companies headquartered in Maryland. Founding partners for the program include the Technology Council of Maryland, the Gazette of Politics and Business, and BDO Seidman, LLP. ADP Corp., HarVest Bank of MD, Invest Northern Ireland, and Pillsbury Law provide key support.

Stefan Hoenicke of Manufacturers and Traders Bank nominated Patton for the Maryland Technology Champion Awards.

## **About Patton**

Patton is a multi-national manufacturer of voice and data-communications equipment for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide. Incorporated in 1984, Patton markets a catalog of more than 500 products including SmartNode™ VoIP solutions that support SIP, H.323, and MGCP for analog and ISDN telephony; ForeFront™ multi-service access infrastructure solutions for TDM and IP service delivery (T1/E1, G.SHDSL, xDSL, dial-up); IPLink™ CPE solutions for last-mile/local-loop access (WAN routers, modems, remote access servers, NTUs, CSU/DSUs); CopperLink™ Ethernet Extenders; EtherBITS™ device servers; and a full range of network-connectivity Micro-Products (interface converters, short-range modems, multiplexers, surge protectors).

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