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Network Engines Wins as Best Firewall in Redmond Magazine Editor's Choice Awards 2005

NS Series Security Appliances now available with Websense Security Suite, winner in the IDS/IPS category

Canton, MA - November 1, 2005 - Network Engines, Inc. (NASDAQ-NENG), a leading OEM appliance partner for Microsoft® security solutions, today announced that it has won a prestigious Redmond Magazine Editor's Choice Award for Best Firewall.

"We choose Network Engines NS Series™ because of the products enterprise-class functionality, outstanding ease of use and its ability to manage software updates," said Joern Wettern, Redmond Magazine editor. "I was impressed with the usability, especially for smaller company's branch offices that need enterprise-level firewall protection, but don't have extensive experience in configuring firewalls. It's an ingenious customization of turning an existing product (Microsoft ISA Server 2004 running on Windows Server™ 2003) into a true appliance. At the same time, it shields an administrator from tasks that are not part of the firewall, such as operating system configuration and software updates."

"Network Engines is honored to receive this year's Editor's Choice Award from Redmond Magazine," said Mike Riley, vice president of marketing and corporate strategy at Network Engines. "Having introduced the NS Series just a year ago - and new models as recently as this week - this is exceptional reinforcement that we are meeting the market's needs, and continue to remain a step ahead of other vendors."

Riley added that it was particularly gratifying to learn that the Websense® Security Suite won in the category for best Intrusion Detection System/Intrusion Prevention System: "We have worked closely with Websense to integrate their Security suite into our family of security appliances and announced availability of the combined solution earlier this week. Our goal is to enable customers to deploy a single, cost effective solution that provides comprehensive defense in depth protection for core Microsoft applications including Exchange, SharePoint® Portal server, and IIS Webserver."

The NS Series is a family of security appliances powered by Microsoft ISA Server 2004 and Network Engines' NEWS™ appliance management technology. These security appliances maximize defense-in-depth for core Microsoft infrastructure applications, and leverage the power of market leading web security capabilities from Websense.



Network Engines - *THE Appliance Company*

Network Engines appliances are designed to ease the deployment, enhance manageability, and increase security of mission critical software applications.

Our heritage of providing technology products and services tailored supporting to the entire lifecycle of our customers appliances has made us the appliance partner of choice for software market leaders.

Founded in 1997, Network Engines is headquartered in Canton, Massachusetts and trades on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol NENG. For more information about the Company's products and services visit:

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