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New Emergency Notification Platform Wins Prestigious Innovation Award

Carnegie Mellon University and Metis Secure Solutions Awarded Technology Innovator of the Year Honors

PITTSBURGH (June 26, 2009) –Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) has been awarded the Technology Innovator of the Year honors for its work in evaluating, testing and implementing a new emergency warning system. The award, issued annually by Campus Technology Magazine, recognizes the university's implementation of the Metis Secure emergency notification platform developed by Metis Secure Solutions of Oakmont, PA - the nation's leading provider of location-based warning systems. The Metis Secure system, a faster and more accurate method of emergency notification, is scheduled to be installed at Mellon Institute on the CMU campus later this year.

The Campus Technology Innovators Award recognizes higher education institutions and their vendor partners that have pursued, and successfully launched, initiatives that reach beyond today's IT applications to create tomorrow's educational technology practices—serving as models to other institutions seeking best-of-breed information to help them meet their own campus challenges.

"We congratulate these leading colleges and universities, their project teams and solution providers for their vision and leadership, and for pushing the envelope by taking their technology investments to new heights," says Wendy LaDuke, President and Group Publisher of 1105 Media's Education Group.

"We are truly honored that CMU and Metis Secure have been recognized for this prestigious award," said Mark Kurtzrock, CEO of Metis Secure Solutions. "The staff of the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) department at CMU is to be commended for having the vision and commitment to seek a better way to protect their students in times of crisis. Our work together at Mellon Institute represents a turning point in creating a better solution to get the right message to the right place at the right time during an emergency."

According to Madelyn Miller, Director of CMU's EH&S department, the Metis Secure system is revolutionary in terms of emergency notification. "The Metis system provides a level of location targeting, message speed and redundancy that we have not seen in other systems. In addition, the call for help communications adds a dimension that no other system provides. We are proud to have been part of making this innovative solution a reality for all universities."

This year's winning projects will be featured in the August issue of *Campus Technology* magazine, and will receive in-depth coverage on CampusTechnology.com, as well as be spotlighted at the Campus Technology 2009 conference, held July 27 – 30 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston, Mass.

Metis Secure Solutions was launched in 2008 as a new business dedicated to designing, manufacturing and distributing a unique emergency warning platform that can be used in a wide range of settings such as colleges and universities. Unmatched reliability, speed and ease-of-use are integral to the Metis Secure Solution notification platform, including its proprietary combination of two independent wireless data paths to deliver and receive messages. In combination, these features make Metis Secure a superior solution with major advantages over every other emergency notification platform in the market.

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