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U. C. BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCES HONORED IN NETWORK WORLD'S 2003 "USER EXCELLENCE AWARD"

University Receives Distinction for its Exceptional Usage of Airespace WLAN Technology

BERKELEY, Calif., January 7, 2004— The University of California at Berkeley's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS) announced today that it has been distinguished by Network World as an innovative leader in the usage of networking technology. Network World, a leading publication in the networking space, gave EECS an honorable mention in the 2003 User Excellence Awards for its ground breaking usage of wireless LAN (WLAN) technology in an educational environment.

EECS leverages the Airespace Wireless Enterprise Platform to deliver high bandwidth data service to students, faculty, and guests to the university's campus. With the Airespace platform, EECS is able to improve the educational experience at the school in the following ways:

>   -Provide students with mobile, high bandwidth access to engineering applications
>   -Enable real-time interaction between faculty and students during lectures
>   -Enable easy access to the Internet for guests

The User Excellence Award, in its 19th year, honors user organizations that demonstrate exceptional use of network technology to further business objectives. Network World editors select winners from a pool of entries submitted by user organizations or vendor representatives.

"We are impressed by the EECS' commitment to improving the educational experience by adopting emerging new technologies, such as wireless," said Beth Schultz, Network World Signature Series Editor. "They have earned industry recognition by applying networking technology in a creative way that fosters their ultimate business objective."

"We are pleased that Network World chose to honor EECS for its IT capabilities," said Fred Archibald, Network Manager for EECS. "As a leading higher education institution, Berkeley has a responsibility to stay at the forefront of networking technology. Wireless plays an important role in the future of our school; the Airespace infrastructure helps us to leverage wireless technology in a reliable and cost effective manner."

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