



**Compellent's Storage Center™ Named
"SAN of the Year" by *InfoWorld***

Leading technology publication recognizes Compellent's solution as 2005's most innovative and effective data storage array

Minneapolis, Jan. 3, 2006 – Compellent Technologies, a provider of modular and affordable enterprise storage solutions, today announced Storage Center, the company's innovative midrange storage area network (SAN), has been named "SAN of the Year" by IDG's *InfoWorld*, the leading magazine for technology decision-makers.

In recognizing Compellent's SAN, *InfoWorld* cited the solution's "extensive management, strong performance and scalability, and great ease-of-use."

Storage Center is known for its innovative tiered storage, thin provisioning and remote replication features that enable information technology (IT) departments to automate data lifecycle management, capacity utilization and disaster recovery for their businesses.

"When we started Compellent, we set out to build a SAN that delivered every enterprise feature in an affordable and modular package," said Phil Soran, Compellent co-founder and CEO. "Our engineers delivered on this vision by creating an all-in-one solution that drives down the cost of owning and operating storage while driving up the capability to store, manage and recover data. On behalf of our engineers, partners and customers, we are honored to receive the award for SAN of the Year from *InfoWorld*."

InfoWorld's annual Technology of the Year Awards identify significant technologies of the past year that promise to make the greatest impact on enterprise IT strategies and honor the products that best exemplify the implementation of those technologies. The Technology of the Year Awards are not open to outside nominations. The final selections are made by *InfoWorld's* Test Center analysts and editors.

"*InfoWorld's* 2006 Technology of the Year Award winners represent the best products defining, and often redefining, the role of IT and resulting business impact," said Steve Fox, *InfoWorld's* editor-in-chief.

About Compellent

Compellent (www.compellent.com) delivers affordable, modular storage solutions

exclusively through business partners that provide companies of all sizes enterprise storage capabilities without big system costs or complexities. Designed by network storage and virtualization pioneers, Compellent enables any business to cut storage expenditures in half, recover from data hazards within minutes, scale to any capacity across any technology and easily manage its storage without adding staff. Headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn., Compellent has raised more than \$38 million in financing from leading investors including Cargill Ventures, Centennial Ventures, Crescendo Ventures and El Dorado Ventures.

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