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# **NetStreams®' DigiLinX™ System Handpicked Winner of 2005 Mark of Excellence Awards**

***Breakthrough Multi-Room Audio System Bested All Competitors in IP-based Product Category at Awards Ceremony Presented by CEA's TechHome Division***

**Austin, TX – March 1, 2005 –** *NetStreams, the leader in IP-based Networked Audio/Video distribution, is pleased to announce that its innovative **DigiLinX Networked IP-based Multi-Room Audio System** has been named a winner of the **2005 Consumer Electronics Association's Mark of Excellence Awards**. A panel of judges from the TechHome Division of CEA selected **DigiLinX** over its competitors to name it **Best IP-based Product**. All the winners were honored in an awards banquet on Friday, February 25, 2005, during the Spring Electronic House Expo (EHX) in Orlando, Florida. EHX Spring showcased the latest in connected home products and technology from more than 300 exhibitors and with more than 7,500 attendees it was the largest EHX in show history.*

*"Being the recipient of the **Mark of Excellence Award for Best IP-based Product** is an absolute thrill for us at **NetStreams**," said Herman Cardenas, chief executive officer. "Every member of our team is fully committed to producing a system that provides both custom installers and homeowners with the most versatile set of benefits available in whole-house entertainment. From installation to end use, **DigiLinX** is unmatched in the flexibility of its integration, simplicity in programming, and intuitiveness of operation. It's a great honor to have our efforts—and the very tangible results of **DigiLinX**—recognized by our peers."*

The Mark of Excellence Awards, presented by CEA's TechHome Division, recognizes the best products and companies at the forefront of innovation in the home controls and networking industry. Each year manufacturers, distributors and installers compete for the coveted awards that are judged by experts within the industry. The *IP-based Product of the Year* category is one of twenty categories reviewed by a panel of fifteen independent industry experts. Judges include custom system designers & integrators, industry analysts & consultants, members of the trade press, and more. Products for *Best IP-based Product* are rated based on benefits provided to designers/installers such as ease of integration, programming, and time to install, as well as end-user benefits such as ease of use, aesthetic design, and ability to improve daily lifestyle.

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**DigiLinX** was also recently named an **Innovations Award Honoree** in the **High-Performance Audio Category** at the 2005 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The **DigiLinX** system, which uses NetStreams' IP-based patent pending **StreamNet™** technology, distributes audio over CAT5e using TCP/IP on an Ethernet network, in a meshed networked architecture. **DigiLinX** converts audio from a legacy source (Tuner, CD Player, other) in real-time, to uncompressed audio streams, allowing up to 24-bit, studio-quality audio to be distributed throughout a home or commercial facility. All devices are network upgradeable. NetStreams' **DigiLinX** products are available through AVAD distributors domestically, as well as through selected distributors worldwide.

Among **DigiLinX's** most impressive features is its ability to access and distribute metadata from advanced digital audio sources like ReQuest Multimedia®'s Audio Request® digital media servers. The data is then displayed on the color display of the **DigiLinX** keypads. Now, a consumer can access any source, from any room, at any time, and if the source provides meta-data, **DigiLinX** allows the music to be selected by Artist, Album, Song, and Genre, and can also display the 'cover art'.

The **DigiLinX** System can also distribute and play both uncompressed (.wav) and compressed audio formats like MP3. Additionally, because all of the processing code is stored in flash memory, updates to allow **DigiLinX** to support other new digital audio formats will be easily available in the future. **DigiLinX** does not limit the user interface to its keypads. Each component contains its own IP address and web server that can serve-up rich control pages to third party products such as PDA's, Web Tablets, Web TVs, or computers, for a new experience in music management.

### **About CEA**

*The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) is the preeminent trade association promoting growth in the consumer technology industry through technology policy, events, research, promotion and the fostering of business and strategic relationships. CEA represents more than 2,000 corporate members involved in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and integration of audio, video, mobile electronics, wireless and landline communications, information technology, home networking, multimedia and accessory products, as well as related services that are sold through consumer channels. Combined, CEA's members account for more than \$121 billion in annual sales. CEA's resources are available online at [www.CE.org](http://www.CE.org), the definitive source for information about the consumer electronics industry. CEA also sponsors and manages the International CES - Defining Tomorrow's Technology. All profits from CES are reinvested into industry services, including technical training and education, industry promotion, engineering standards development, market research and legislative advocacy.*

### **About EH Events & Education**

EH Events & Education develops and produces world-class trade shows, conferences and events for the electronic home industry. The EH Events & Education flagship event, Electronic House Expo (EHX), is the trade event of the electronic home industry, joining thousands of industry professionals together with leading manufacturers and service providers. EHX has been named to Tradeshow Week's Fastest 50 list, which honors the country's fastest growing tradeshow, for two consecutive years. An integral business unit of EH, EH Events & Education provides the electronic home industry with essential educational forums that promote awareness and commerce for this \$15 billion market.

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**About NetStreams**

*Headquartered in Austin, Texas, NetStreams provides sophisticated networked audio leading the marketplace in technological innovation. NetStreams is committed to utilizing state-of-the-art human engineering to create home entertainment products that are truly user-friendly and future-compatible. NetStreams is creating the future of home entertainment today.*

*For additional information on NetStreams and its innovative products, please visit [www.netstreams.com](http://www.netstreams.com).*

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