eAI Journal Announces Awards

*A*nd the winner is ...
In June 2000, *eAI Journal* will be handing out four exclusive and prestigious awards for e-business and application integration — and your company could be a winner.

For the first two categories, each entry must be based on a customer solution that went into production before Dec. 31, 1999. The entry must include a named end-user organization, the primary technology, and the service provider that enabled the solution. The awards are, therefore, open to any end-user organization, software vendor, or service provider that has deployed an in-production solution in one of two categories:

• Best e-Business Solution

The solution can be either business-to-business or business-to-consumer. The solution should either dramatically improve an existing business process using the Internet or establish an entirely new approach and business model, e.g., creating new services and reaching new markets. The solution should be strategic to the end-user organization and show significant competitive advantage. Judges will look for innovation and high integration between different business domains within an enterprise and/or between different enterprises in a value or supply chain.

• Best Application Integration Solution

The solution will look at how the integration of different systems has lead to significant business benefits in terms of cost efficiencies and competitive advantage, such as speed-to-market. The solution will most likely involve a straight-through processing model or the integration of key business processes across an enterprise.

In addition, two other categories will be open to software vendors and services providers:

• Product of the Year

The judges will look for innovative products or new versions of products that have advanced the technology of e-business and application integration. The product or new version must have been introduced between Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 31, 1999.

• Vendor of the Year

The judges will look at all software vendors and services providers in the e-business and application integration space to select a winner that, in their opinion, has most advanced the technology and business awareness of the market over the last year.

The judging panel will be announced in the February 2000 issue of *eAI Journal* and it will include co-chairmen, Tony M. Brown (editor-in-chief) and David McGoveran (senior technical editor) and a blue-ribbon panel of respected senior industry analysts and journalists.

The June 2000 issue of *eAI Journal* will provide full details of the winning submissions. All winning software vendors and service providers will also be eligible to use the official award logo in promotions and advertising.

To download a copy of the rules and entry form, visit www.eaijournal.com. Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2000.