



## **ATK Receives Laureate Award From Computerworld Honors Program for Storage and Data Protection Innovation Featuring Overland's Products**

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Global Information Technology Awards Foundation Pays Tribute to Individuals and Organizations that Use Technology to Benefit Society

SAN DIEGO, June 3, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Overland Storage, Inc. (Nasdaq: OVRL) today announced that esteemed customer, Alliant Techsystems (NYSE: ATK), a leading provider of advanced weapon and space systems with \$4.5 billion in annual sales, has been recognized as a Laureate by the Computerworld Honors Program. This year's honorees were commemorated last night during the 20th Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards event at the Andrew W. Mellon auditorium in Washington, D.C. ATK's award-winning case study, "Tiered Data Protection Gets Lift-Off," was recognized for its highly effective use of leading-edge storage, disk-based VTLs and scalable tape libraries from Overland Storage.

At ATK, a service-oriented, performance-based data protection and disaster recovery model safeguards soaring storage requirements. In supporting ATK's Baltimore operations, an operating unit in Elkton, Md., and a remote location in California, 150 TBs of storage have been allocated for active, production data along with data backups and resource volumes.

As early proponents of disk-based backup and recovery, ATK initially deployed Overland's REO VTLs along with a scalable NEO 2000 tape library for disk-to-disk-to-tape data protection. VMware and FalconStor's IPStor SANs were embraced for server and storage virtualization. When an EMC Clariion SAN became oversaturated due to aggressive data growth, ATK once again turned to Overland Storage for another layer of data protection. In early 2008, ATK deployed Overland's ULTAMUS RAID 4800 with 1 TB drives for up to 48 TBs of nearline storage capacity within an industry-leading density of only 4u of rack space.

According to Peter McCallum, storage and server administrator for ATK's Elkton location, Overland's best-of-class products provide three different ways to recover mission-critical data, encompassing vital document imaging, statistical analysis, as well as vital SQL Server and Exchange applications. "We are extremely pleased that our world-class technology coupled with focused business-needs analysis is being recognized for technical excellence by the prestigious Computerworld Honors Program," he says. "Overland's disk-to-disk-to-tape (D2D2T) backup and recovery and nearline storage solutions have proven instrumental in helping ATK build a robust and agile system that ensures our mission-critical data is safe and sound."

Members of the Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 chairmen/CEOs of global technology companies, nominate individuals and organizations from around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social and economic progress. "Each year, the Computerworld Honors Program seeks to recognize organizations, from a variety of sectors, for their ongoing efforts to utilize technology in order to benefit society," said Ron Milton, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation and Executive Vice President of Computerworld. "We are proud to provide the platform to publicly acknowledge these contributions."

### About the Computerworld Honors Program

Founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program is governed by the not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. In its 20th year, Computerworld Honors is the longest running global program to honor individuals and organizations that use information technology to benefit society.

Each year, the program's Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 chairmen/CEOs of global technology companies, nominate individuals and organizations from around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promotes positive social and economic progress. Nominations are evaluated by an independent board of CIO-level judges who select laureates, finalists and award recipients in 10 industry-related categories, to be honored at a Laureate Medal Ceremony. This year's ceremony and accompanying Gala Awards Program took place on June 2, 2008 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

The technology achievements honored by this program are preserved and protected in national archives and in over 350 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world. Additional information about the program and a Global Archive of past laureate case studies and oral histories can be found at the Computerworld Honors web site: <http://www.cwhonors.org>.

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Now in its 27th year, Overland Storage is a market leader and innovative provider of smart, affordable data protection appliances that help midrange and distributed enterprises ensure business-critical data is constantly protected, readily available and always there. Overland's award-winning products include NEO SERIES(R) and ARCVault(TM) tape libraries, REO SERIES(R) disk-based appliances with Virtual Tape Library (VTL) capabilities and ULTAMUS(TM) RAID high-performance, high-density storage. Overland sells its products through leading OEMs, commercial distributors, storage integrators and value-added resellers. For more information, visit Overland's web site at <http://www.overlandstorage.com>

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