

Achronix wins Start-Up category at IET Innovation Awards

San Jose, Calif. —A Achronix is proud to announce that it has won the Start-Up Innovation Award at the Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) Innovation Awards 2009. Achronix produces the 1.5GHz Speedster family, the world's fastest FPGAs. The award was gratefully accepted at the IET's glittering industry event, which was held at Lord's Cricket Ground, London on 25th November.

Achronix, which launched its first product in September 2008, is a fabless semiconductor company and creator of the world's fastest field-programmable gate array (FPGA). Achronix' patented picoPIPE acceleration technology delivers up to three times the speed of existing FPGAs. The company combines FPGAs' traditional time-to-market advantages with its patented technology, enabling high performance applications previously only possible with ASICs.

Achronix' flagship product, the 1.5GHz Speedster SPD60, was the first FPGA with 10.375 Gbps SerDes supporting multi-protocol standards. Also embedded in SPD60 is a complete out-of-the-box DDR2/DDR3 solution which includes both the physical layer and controller, supporting memory interface speeds of up to 1066 Mbps. Achronix has since launched development boards and the Bridge100 Infiniband-to-Ethernet networking system utilizing FPGAs from the Speedster family.

"The whole team at Achronix is thrilled to receive this award from such a prestigious industry body.", said John Lofton Holt, Achronix' CEO. "Over the last year or so it's been wonderful to see how positively the market has responded to Achronix' products, enabling new applications previously considered beyond the reach of FPGAs. With a strong product roadmap we're now looking forward to the coming years and our forthcoming successes. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organisers and judges of the Innovation Award event."

Nigel Fine, IET Chief Executive, said, "I would like to congratulate all the winning and shortlisted entries in this year's IET Innovation Awards, which demonstrate genuine innovation and represent significant technological advances.

"The entries which made it into the shortlist are a very impressive role call of innovation and although it may be a cliché to say 'everyone is a winner' in this case I am sure it is true. The awards highlight the depth and breadth of innovative work which is being carried out and it is clear from the range of entries that innovation is alive and well."

About Achronix Semiconductor

Achronix Semiconductor is a privately held fabless corporation based in San Jose, California. Achronix builds the world's fastest field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) capable of up to 1.5 GHz peak performance. Achronix has sales offices and representatives in the United States, Europe, China, Japan, and Korea, and has research and design offices in Ithaca, N.Y., and Bangalore, India. Find out more at <http://www.achronix.com>.

About the IET Innovation Awards 2009

The IET Innovation Awards span 15 categories and attracted over 300 entries from around the world. They represent a unique opportunity for innovators to be recognised and provide a showcase for the brightest ideas, highlighting the importance of innovation by celebrating its application across a range of engineering disciplines.

The award categories were: Asset Management, Built Environment, Electronics, Emerging Technologies, Information Technology, Power and Energy, Product Design, Project Team, Measurement in Action, Security, Software in Design, Start-Up, Sustainability, Telecommunications, and Transport.

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About the IET:

- For more information on the Innovation Awards visit www.theiet.org/innovation
- The deadline for entries to The IET Innovation Awards 2010 is 30 July 2010
- The IET is a world leading professional organisation, sharing and advancing knowledge to promote science, engineering and technology across the world.
- The IET dates from 1871 and has 150,000 members in 127 countries with offices in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific.
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