

Achronix Named Finalist of Prestigious 2009 EE Times ACE Award for Startup of the Year

Emerging FPGA Player is Among Industry's Elite

San Jose, Calif. - Achronix, makers of the world's fastest field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), today announced it was named a finalist in TechInsight's EE Times fifth Annual Creativity in Electronics (ACE) Awards (www.eetimes-ace.com) for the startup of the year category.

Achronix was selected a startup finalist because in just 18 months it brought to market the [1.5GHz Speedster™ family of FPGAs](#), which deliver three times the performance of conventional FPGAs. It's the first time an FPGA company has been a finalist in the ACE Awards startup category.

"We're honored to be named a finalist in the industry's premier awards competition, especially among such other innovative companies," said John Lofton Holt, Achronix CEO. "It's particularly gratifying for our entire team, which has worked very hard to convert our promise of unprecedented FPGA performance to reality for our customers."

The startup of the year award is given to a venture capital (or pre-IPO financed) start-up company that demonstrates excellence in business development and/or technology development processes with the potential to become a technical or market leader in the global electronics industry.

Achronix and its technology emerged from Cornell University's School of Engineering, and its founders funded their early work out of their own pockets. The company moved headquarters to the heart of the Silicon Valley, raised nearly \$80 million in venture capital and built a startup team that combined academic experts in asynchronous technology with seasoned Valley veterans from storied ASIC and FPGA companies.

In September 2008, that team launched the Speedster family, which combines ASIC performance with FPGA flexibility so system engineers can design with a new level of performance and faster time-to-market into applications in networking, telecommunications, high-performance computing, military and aerospace, and many others.

The EE Times Annual Creativity in Electronics (ACE) Award celebrates the creators of technology who demonstrate leadership and innovation in the global industry and shape the world we live in. These creators, and their innovations, will be recognized at the EE Times ACE Awards Presentation on March 31, 2009, as part of TechInsight's Embedded Systems Conference Silicon Valley, the largest electronic systems design event in North America.

EE Times ACE Awards are presented in 20 categories and are judged by a blue-ribbon panel of industry experts, comprised of the leading voices of academia, industry and Wall Street executives. The judges will choose winners in all of the nomination-based categories.

"The 2009 finalists represent the execution of forward-thinking technologies and creativity that captures the imagination of consumers, illustrating the influence that electronics and embedded design professionals have on today's culture," said Junko Yoshida, editor in chief, *EE Times*.

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