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## **PINK ELEPHANT ANNOUNCES IT EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS**

*Winners Revealed At Pink16 In Las Vegas*

**Las Vegas, NV – February 16, 2016** – Pink Elephant, a premier global training, consulting and conference service provider, today announced the winners of three of the four IT Excellence Awards presented at the 20th Annual International IT Service Management Conference & Exhibition – “Pink16” at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

The awards and their winners are:

- Project Of The Year: Assurant
- Practitioner Of The Year: Robert Nessler, Governor’s Office of Information Technology – State of Colorado
- Innovation Of The Year: Persistent Suite, Utopic Software

“In little more than a year, our team was able to align and automate the delivery of IT services for more than 3,000 users who support 16,000 Assurant employees working to help people protect what matters most. This award recognizes the importance of our accomplishment as a critical enabler to rolling out growth and service strategies across our global footprint. To be recognized as a leader among our peers is a great honor,” said Robert Lewis, Senior Vice President and CIO, Corporate Technology Group, Assurant.

“Thank you for this immense honor – I am both humbled and encouraged. It was a very busy year, and things don't look to slow down in the future. It has been my great privilege to serve the people of the great state of Colorado, and it is an incredible boost to have this work recognized by the experts in our field,” said Robert Nessler, ITSM Manager, Governor's Office of Information Technology. “It is my hope that each and every one of us here can learn from each other, increase our impact on our organizations and the world, and be world-class innovators and leaders. And, to the State of Colorado – this is only the beginning!”

“This acknowledgement goes far in confirming the viability of automated self-healing that can repair and recover any PC in less than a minute regardless of the damage. More specifically, it validates the incredible hard work and vision our team has put in to developing a comprehensive and game-changing solution. It is truly a great honor,” commented Bob Whirley, CEO, Utopic Software.

“Congratulations to all the IT Excellence Award winners!” said George Spalding, EVP, Pink Elephant. “The awards recognize the true change masters in today’s fast-paced IT industry, and we are proud to honor these achievements at Pink16.”

Pink16 continues until February 17, with many more sessions and inspirational speakers, and the presentation of the Case Study Of The Year Award during the General Session on Wednesday morning.

For any questions about Pink16 or Pink's upcoming events, please contact 1-888-273-PINK or [info@pinkelephant.com](mailto:info@pinkelephant.com).

### **About Pink16**

Each year, Pink Elephant presents must-attend IT Service Management conferences and leadership forums that bring industry experts and IT professionals from around the world. At the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Annual International IT Service Management Conference & Exhibition in Las Vegas – “Pink16” – February 14-17, Pink Elephant has an unsurpassed line up speakers and sessions.

The program presented at Pink16 will be content rich and comprehensive covering a vast array of subjects from all across the ITSM spectrum – ITIL®, COBIT®, Lean IT, DevOps, Cyber Risk & Resilience, and much more!

### **About Pink Elephant**

We Lead The Way! A premier global training, consulting and conference service provider, Pink Elephant has an undisputed reputation for leading the way. We're proud of our pioneering and innovative spirit, which has enabled us to introduce and spearhead many revolutionary concepts and programs since our inception forty years ago.

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