



News Release

CiDRA Awarded *Control Engineering* 2003 Editors' Choice Award

Wallingford, CT – January 19, 2004: CiDRA Corporation (“CiDRA”) today announced that it has received the *Control Engineering* 2003 Editors' Choice Award for its *SONARtrac*™ Flow Monitoring System. *Control Engineering's* seven editors used three primary criteria—service to the industry, technological advancement, and market impact—to select the winners of the 17th annual Editors' Choice Awards.

As *Control Engineering's* announcement stated, “Sense, decide, and act are the three cornerstones of the control and automation field and its many related industries and applications. Similarly, the three cornerstones of the *Control Engineering* 2003 Editors' Choice Awards are service to the industry, technological advancement, and market impact.” The Seven editors—Frank Bartos, David Greenfield, Dave Harrold, Mark Hoske, Jeanine Katzel, Jim Montague and Vance VanDoren—use these three criteria to compare and judge the thousands of product and solutions covered each year in *Control Engineering's* print, Web, and e-mail publications. The editors then nominate, argue, and vote to determine winners for that year. "It's always challenging to select winners from among all the areas we cover—automation, control, instrumentation, software, and networks," says Mark Hoske, *Control Engineering's* editor-in-chief. "It seemed a particularly difficult selection process this year. I believe vendors have ramped up product innovation in anticipation of better business in 2004."

Control Engineering's editors chose the *SONARtrac*™ Flow Monitoring System a winner in the Instrumentation and Sensors category. As covered in *Control Engineering's* write-up of this year's winner, CiDRA first developed its patented passive sonar-array technology for

undersea/down hole oil, water, and gas flow measurements, and has now applied it to more traditional flow measurements. The *SONARtrac*TM Flow Monitoring System is non-intrusive because it clamps onto the pipe, and requires no special upstream or downstream installation requirements.

Because *SONARtrac*TM flowmeters are robust, full-bore and clamp-on, they also require no process downtime to install. Installation occurs as the process is running. This passive, sonar-based technology enables accurate measurement of the thickest slurries, and even allows measurement through lined pipes.

Control Engineering will spotlight the award briefly in the January 2004 issue and more in-depth in a special supplement; a webcast is also planned to further highlight the winners. The Editors' Choice Awards will be celebrated during a ceremony to be held on the evening of the second night at National Manufacturing Week in Chicago.

For additional information on this award and Control Engineering, please visit www.controleng.com

For additional information on CiDRA's products and services, please visit www.cidra.com.

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