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Steve Garrett Honored as Silver Stevie® Award Winner in 2021 American Business Awards®

(SILICON SLOPES, Utah) June 14, 2021 – OptConnect, a longtime leader in managed wireless services, today announced that Steve Garrett, Chief Product Officer, has won a Silver Stevie® in the 19th annual American Business Awards®. The American Business Awards are the U.S.A.’s premier business awards program. OptConnect’s Customer Care team was also honored with a Bronze Stevie® for Customer Service Team of the Year.

“Steve has been instrumental in all product-related strategies and execution since joining the team in 2012,” said Chris Baird, President and CEO of OptConnect. “Steve has a profound vision for the connected future, deep understanding of the market needs, and the technology needed to make a difference and has the ability to develop and connect deeply with other companies, customers, and vendors.”

With over 40 years of experience in the technology industry, Garrett brings an extensive knowledge of product technology and sales to OptConnect. Under Steve’s leadership, the product team is focused on making sure that they listen to our customers, provide the most reliable Internet connection possible, and that they stay ready to react quickly to the future needs of our customers as they continue to develop and engineer incredible products that need connectivity to function.

In 2019, Steve spearheaded the creation and launch of a product called OptConnect ema™, the first smart embedded modem solution (patent-pending) for M2M and Internet of Things (IoT) applications that provides Connectivity-as-a-Service. In addition to ema, Steve also spearheaded the launch of OptConnect mylo in 2020 which has also recently received an IoT Breakthrough Award for M2M Product of the Year. Steve and his team also recently launch a complete overhaul of our best-selling router, neo2 that is twice as fast, provides twice the carrier coverage, and has twice the connectivity power.

"The American economy continues to show its resilience, and as we're poised on the beginning of what should be a phenomenal period of growth, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of a wide range of organizations and people over the past 18 months," said Stevie Awards President Maggie Gallagher.

"This year's Stevie-winning nominations in The American Business Awards are a testament to the ingenuity, the commitment, the passion, the adaptability, and the creativity of the American people. We look forward to celebrating this year's winners during our virtual ceremony on June 30," added Gallagher.

More than 3,800 nominations—a record number—from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories. Details



about The American Business Awards and the list of 2021 Stevie winners are available at www.StevieAwards.com/ABA.

For more information about OptConnect, please visit www.optconnect.com.

About The Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in eight programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, the Middle East & North Africa Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. The Stevies also produce the annual [Women|Future Conference](#). Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at <http://www.StevieAwards.com>. Sponsors of The 2021 American Business Awards include John Hancock Financial Services, Melissa Sones Consulting, and SoftPro.

About OptConnect

OptConnect is North America's leading provider of managed service wireless connectivity for ATMs, Smart Safes, Kiosks, Micro Markets, Digital Signage, and many other IoT/M2M applications. OptConnect provides a secure and reliable monitored wireless connection to the Internet for unattended equipment that is easy, low-risk, and convenient: All supported by a superior customer service infrastructure. OptConnect has spent 10+ years perfecting managed wireless services so that customers can focus on their core business strengths without having to deal with the delays, complexities, and frustrations of typical cellular deployments. OptConnect's fully managed solution provides Connectivity-as-a-Service for M2M and IoT applications that are simple and easy to implement.

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