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## **CONFIGURESOFTECM NAMED FINALIST FOR THE BEST OF TECHED 2006 AWARDS BY PENTON'S *WINDOWS IT PRO* AND *SQL SERVER MAGAZINE***

*Drumbeat of Recognition Confirms Configuresoft's Technology Leadership as the Standard for Continuous Compliance*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—May 22, 2006—***Windows IT Pro* and *SQL Server Magazine* announced that Configuresoft's Enterprise Configuration Manager (ECM) was chosen a finalist in the Systems Management and Operations category for the Best of TechEd 2006 Awards. The winners will be determined after final judging at TechEd 2006 in Boston, MA, and announced the evening of June 14.

Configuresoft will be showcasing ECM's new Management Extensions for Microsoft® Exchange, Active Directory and Assets to fulfill critical security and compliance needs for enterprise environments, at Booth #117 at the TechEd Show from June 11 – 16.

"The field included more than 250 entries. After technically evaluating all of the entries, we chose finalists based on the product's strategic importance to the market, its competitive advantages and the value to the customer," said Michael Otey, Technical Director for *Windows IT Pro* and *SQL Server Magazine*.

This recognition immediately follows the Overall Best of MMS 2006 Award by *Windows IT Pro* and *SQL Server Magazine* announced at the recent Microsoft Management Summit exposition in San Diego, CA. Additionally, *eWeek* magazine recently honored ECM with its "Analyst's Choice" designation. The May 1 review, titled "Keeping Systems in Check," (<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1954181,00.asp>) lauded ECM 4.8 as a "well-conceived, very usable server configuration management tool" that "excels at tracking server, workstation and laptop configurations."

"This has been a banner year for Configuresoft in terms of acknowledgment of technology leadership, innovation and customer adoption. These honors confirm Configuresoft as the vendor of choice for continuous compliance assurance," said Andrew Bird, vice president at Configuresoft. "Our customers and partners see overwhelming value and have adopted ECM as their corporate standard for managing security and compliance initiatives."

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### **About Enterprise Configuration Manager**

By standardizing and monitoring server and client configurations by role, ECM ensures continuous operational compliance with regulatory, industry and corporate standards throughout a computing infrastructure. Sustained by a proven and scalable architecture, ECM collects tens of thousands of detailed asset, security and configuration settings from each Windows, UNIX and Linux server and workstation—storing that information in a centralized configuration management database (CMDB) for immediate access, analysis and reporting. ECM can enforce security policies by automatically resetting configurations to their desired state when an unauthorized change (or deviation) occurs. These capabilities help IT organizations keep their mission critical systems properly configured, while ensuring security compliance with regulatory requirements such as Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, GLBA, PCI DSS and FISMA.

### **About Configuresoft**

Configuresoft is an innovator in systems management technology, ensuring continuous compliance with internal policies and external regulations across today's heterogeneous computing infrastructures. Spanning both security and operations, the Company's configuration, compliance and remediation products are used by eleven of the world's 25 largest companies to keep their critical systems properly configured, while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements such as Sarbanes-Oxley, Basel II, HIPAA and DISA, and industry standards such as PCI DSS and Microsoft Security Hardening Guides. To contact Configuresoft, please call (888) U-CONFIG or visit [www.configuresoft.com](http://www.configuresoft.com).

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