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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2019 PTC INNOVATION AWARDS

HONOLULU – The Pacific Telecommunications Council (PTC) announced a call for submissions for its second annual PTC Innovation Awards. Launched in 2018 at PTC's 40th Anniversary Conference, the PTC Innovation Awards recognizes the individuals and companies that have transformed and continue to transform the ICT industry and the markets PTC serves.

"Last year's Innovation Awards winners truly represented excellence across our industry sectors," said Sharon Nakama, CEO of Pacific Telecommunications Council. "We were inspired to see such forward-thinking and innovative projects being accomplished throughout the ICT industry. We are looking forward to what the 2019 PTC Innovation Awards will bring."

"Innovation is crucial and today we have to innovate faster," said Isabelle Paradis, President and Founder of HOT TELECOM. "The PTC Innovation Awards are very important to show our industry that operators are succeeding in becoming innovative. Hopefully more companies will join the innovation wave and show us what they can do."

The PTC Innovation Awards are open to members and non-members and are comprised of nine categories. Submission deadline is 2 November 2018.

1. **Best Network-Enabled Application/Service Innovation**
2. **Best Networking Innovation**
3. **Best Network-Enabled Emerging Technologies Innovation**
4. **Best Quality of Life Improvement**
5. **Best Satellite Innovation**
6. **Best Cloud/Datacenter/Interconnection Innovation**
7. **Best Mobile Innovation**
8. **Best Network Intelligence Innovation**
9. **Best Subsea Innovation**

For more information about the PTC Innovation Awards, visit www.ptc.org/ptc19/innovation-awards/ or contact awards@ptc.org.

Innovation Awards recipients will be announced on Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at the PTC Innovation Awards Gala. The event will be held during PTC'19: *From Pipes to Platforms*. All conference participants are encouraged to join PTC and its sponsors for an elegant dinner and awards celebration honoring the awardees. Funds raised from the gala will support PTC's mission and key community initiatives including the PTC Academy, PTC Broadband Reports, PTC Projects, and PTC Young Scholar Program. It will also fund two research prize awards, the *Meheroo Jussawalla Research Prize Award* and the *Yale M. Braunstein Student Prize Award*.

Recognizing outstanding innovation in the ICT industry, PTC also seeks qualified judges to serve on an elite judging panel. PTC Members and non-members that represent the breadth and depth of the ICT industry, including private, public, institutional, and academic practices, are eligible to apply. Interested judges should review the [PTC Innovation Awards Judging FAQ](#) and email a statement of interest to callforjudges@ptc.org. The application period is open until 31 October 2018.

ABOUT PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

Recognized as PTC, the Pacific Telecommunications Council is the leading global non-profit membership organization promoting the advancement of information and communications technologies (ICT) in the Pacific Rim, the most dynamic geography of the world, spanning over 40 nations. Alongside technology interests, the PTC fosters academic, developmental, regulatory, and legal perspectives. PTC organizes conferences, exhibitions, and other forums to promote the open exchange of information, ideas and views in the context of the commercial, social, economic, and other development needs in the regions it serves and beyond.

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