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**Nominations Now Accepted for 2008 Outsourcing Excellence Awards**  
*Winners to be Recognized at Gala in New York City*

DALLAS, September 18, 2007 — Nominations are being accepted for the annual Outsourcing Excellence Awards, sponsored by Outsourcing Center, Everest Group, and *Forbes* magazine. Known as the “Oscars” of Outsourcing, the program was founded in 1997 and honors the most distinguished outsourcing relationships worldwide.

The coveted awards recognize outstanding examples of successful buyer-supplier outsourcing relationships in several categories, including Best Partnership and Best Offshore. An independent judging panel of industry experts will evaluate each nomination on criteria that includes such aspects as the relationship’s mutual benefits, effectiveness and business outcomes achieved.

Award winners will be honored at a black-tie gala in New York City in May. Winners will also be featured in the annual Awards issue of *Outsourcing Journal* and a special outsourcing section in *Forbes* magazine. Additionally, winners will participate in an exclusive symposium to share lessons and insights with industry peers and enjoy an evening on the Forbes Highlander yacht.

“The Outsourcing Excellence Awards program and resulting research have contributed to the body of knowledge on why and how some outsourcing relationships are able to achieve outcomes beyond initial expectations,” says Debra Floyd, chief operating officer of the Outsourcing Center. “The Awards allow Everest Group and Forbes to work with industry leaders to identify, promote and learn from global best practice developments to facilitate industry improvement, competition and growth.”

Previous award winners include many of the world’s leading companies in every industry and demonstrate the importance of outsourcing in their strategies for business success. A list of all winners since 1997 is displayed at [www.outsourcing-awards.com](http://www.outsourcing-awards.com).

“To be honored by your peers is perhaps the pinnacle of recognition of a successful outsourcing partnership,” said P.R. Chandrasekar, President, Americas & Europe, Wipro. “We were humbled to receive this honor and truly believe that this recognition program provides far-reaching benefits to not only the award recipients but to all players in the ever-evolving outsourcing industry.”

Wipro and Nortel Networks were honored last year in the Best Offshore category that recognized their successful 16-year partnership.

To view award guidelines and to obtain a nomination form, please visit [www.outsourcing-awards.com](http://www.outsourcing-awards.com). Nominations will be accepted through October 1, 2007. The fee for submitting a nomination is \$1,000.

**About Outsourcing Center's Outsourcing Excellence Awards**

The Outsourcing Excellence Awards recognize the world's best outsourcing arrangements. The judges select relationships that demonstrate best practices, create and sustain a competitive advantage, provide business transformation, achieve value, and mutually benefit both buyer and supplier over time. The Outsourcing Center, an online community specializing in thought leadership, best practices, and innovation in outsourcing, conducts the annual awards program. Everest Group, which helps companies create customized sourcing strategies and outsourcing relationships that are tailored to their specific situations, and *Forbes* Special Sections sponsor the Outsourcing Excellence Awards.

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