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## Nominations Now Open for 2013 Red Hat Innovation Awards

*Red Hat Users to be Honored for Cutting-Edge Open Source Deployments at 2013 Red Hat Summit*

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, is now accepting nominations for its seventh annual [Red Hat Innovation Awards](#), which will be presented at [Red Hat Summit](#) taking place June 10-14, 2013 in Boston.

Around the globe, Red Hat customers and partners are building dynamic IT infrastructures and driving business innovation with the Red Hat technology portfolio. The [2013 Red Hat Innovation Awards](#) honor these efforts and reflect some of the most outstanding work and next generation business application deployments happening with open source solutions and specifically, Red Hat technology.

Organizations have the opportunity to submit their nomination in seven categories, and category winners will be selected based on the uniqueness, complexity and magnitude of their Red Hat implementation.

### Categories for the 2013 Red Hat Innovation Awards include:

- **Optimized Systems** — Recognition of striking performance, scalability and/or groundbreaking enhancements delivered with open source solutions.
- **Next Generation Business Application** — Recognition of overall performance of creating, maintaining, and deploying successful next generation business applications, be it traditional, mobile or cloud, all while using Red Hat solutions.
- **Outstanding Open Source Architecture** - Recognition of a combination of Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions to create innovative architectures based on Red Hat solutions.
- **Superior Alternatives** - Recognition of the most successful migration from proprietary solutions to Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions.
- **Extensive Partner Ecosystem** — Recognition of the most successful use of Red Hat's expanding partner ecosystem to create innovative architectures based on Red Hat's platform, middleware, cloud and/or storage solutions.
- **Best Middleware Implementation** — Recognition of the most cutting-edge utilization of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware portfolio.
- **Best Storage Implementation** — Recognition of the most cutting-edge utilization of Red Hat Storage software.

Submissions for the [Red Hat Innovation Awards](#) will be accepted until Feb. 15, 2013. A winner will be recognized in each of the seven categories. From these winners, the [Red Hat Innovator of the Year](#) will be selected by the community through online voting, and will be announced during an awards ceremony at the [2013 Red Hat Summit](#).

Each submission will be evaluated by a panel of experts in the field of business and open source technology, including: Lee Congdon, CIO, Red Hat; Maureen Fleming, program vice president, BPM & Middleware, IDC; Sean Michael Kerner, senior editor, [InternetNews.com](#); Scott Merrill, TechCrunch contributor; Craig Muzilla, vice president and general manager, Middleware, Red Hat; Stephen O'Grady, principal analyst & co-founder, RedMonk.

For more information, or to share your story for the [2013 Red Hat Innovation Awards](#), please visit: <http://www.redhat.com/innovationconnection/awards.html>. For more information on the [2013 Red Hat Summit](#), visit: [www.redhat.com/summit](http://www.redhat.com/summit).

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