

WBA INDUSTRY

*Awards*  
**2016**

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**CORINTHIAN GRAND BALLROOM  
SAN JOSE, USA**

**Champagne Reception: 7:00pm**

**AWARD CATEGORIES SHORTLIST**

**Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Operator Deployment**

**Best Converged Operator Deployment**

**Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Network Infrastructure**

**Best Converged Network Infrastructure**

**Best Consumer Centric Wireless  
Service Innovation**

**Best Industrial Wireless Service Innovation**

**Best Connected City Deployment**

**Best Wireless Deployment in Rural  
or Remote Areas**

**Best Wireless Innovation and  
Excellence in Social Impact**

**WBA Wireless Leadership Award**

**Distinguished Member Award  
(Non-Operator)**

**Distinguished Member Award  
(Operator)**

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The Wireless Broadband Alliance Industry Awards are unique awards, championed by the WBA, aiming to recognize and encourage excellence, as well as to promote successful practices and strategies in different aspects of wireless broadband industry performance in the year.

**Benchmark** - outstanding performance and impactful innovation ideas throughout the Wireless Broadband Industry.

**Recognize** - the contribution of individuals, projects, organisations and technologies that have excelled in the use, development and deployment of Wireless Broadband in the past 12 months.

**Provide** – a platform to network, mobilize investment and create new business opportunities for Wireless Broadband solutions.

**Winning** - one of these prestigious awards from WBA can be a major boost for your company's profile and business opportunities.

This year's Awards are taking place, as part of the Wireless Global Congress, in San Jose on November 16th 2016 – bringing together industry's leading players for the most exciting night of the year.

**#WBAWARDS**



*Good evening,*

This is one of my favourite moments of the year – and it is an event that always exceeds expectations.

The WBA Industry Awards are a celebration of all that is great in our industry. They capture a moment in time; encapsulating the passion, innovation, technical and business expertise that have shaped and helped grow the significance of our ecosystem over the past 12 months.

At the same time, the Awards lay down a marker for what is to come, anticipating trends and, through real world deployments, providing a snapshot of the myriad of ways licensed and unlicensed wireless technology can improve businesses, lives and services across a growing range of use cases.

Tonight the heroes of the hour are the individuals, teams and organisations whose efforts have earned them places amongst the nominees for the WBA Industry Awards 2016. They are changing the connectivity landscape and driving innovations in this ever-converging wireless eco-system with their creativity, energy and commitment to thought leadership.

Indeed, this is the vision of the WBA too.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has taken part this year – once again, the bar has been well and truly raised. Our Awards have long been recognized for their integrity and commitment to excellence.

They have been judged by a panel of independent industry experts and I would like to extend my warm personal thanks to all of them for their time and professionalism.

The Categories 8 & 9 (Distinguished Member Awards) are judged separately by WBA membership, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the work areas of the WBA in the past 12 months.

**Good luck to all involved, and have a wonderful evening.**



**Shrikant Shenwai**

Chief Executive Officer  
Wireless Broadband Alliance





## JUDGING PANEL

We are proud to introduce our judging panel, who have been selected for their experience and impartiality.



**KYUNG MUN**

Senior Analyst

Mobile Experts LLC



**CAROLINE GABRIEL**

Research Director  
& Co-Founder

Maravedis-ReThink  
Technology Research



**PETER JARICH**

Vice President,  
Consumer and Infrastructure

Current Analysis



**JEREMY GREEN**

Principal Analyst

Machina Research





**DARYL SCHOOLAR**  
Principal Analyst,  
Wireless Infrastructure  
Ovum



**SUSAN WELSH DE GRIMALDO**  
Director  
Strategy Analytics



**ADLANE FELLAH**  
CEO  
Maravedis



**VIJAY SAMMETA**  
CEO  
Civic Foundry, LLC



**FRANK RAYAL**  
Founding Partner  
XONA Partners



**MONICA PAOLINI**  
President  
Senza Fili Consulting



# CATEGORY 1

## BEST OPERATOR DEPLOYMENT AWARD

The Best Operator Deployment award was open to Network Operators or Network Operators together with their Technology partners.

This category contains two sub-categories:

**1a - Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Operator Deployment Award**

**1b - Best Converged Operator Deployment Award**

### 1a - Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Operator Deployment Award

The independent judging panel were looking for an entry that made significant process in improving Wi-Fi network deployments, looking at all aspects including but not limited to innovation in user experience, improving speed, innovation in business model, etc.

### JUDGES EVALUATED:

- Innovations in the technical or business model.
- Enhancement of the user experience.
- Improvement of quality of service to users.

## The Shortlist



**BOINGO WIRELESS**

Reimagining Wi-Fi with  
S.M.A.R.T. Networks



**SHAW COMMUNICATION INC.**

Certificate-based Next  
Generation Hotspot (NGH)  
Deployment



**TELSTRA**

Telstra Air Largest  
Australian Wi-Fi Network



### 1b - Best Converged Operator Deployment Award

The independent judging panel were looking for an entry that had remarkable deployments concerning coexistence and convergence of licensed & unlicensed networks, looking at all aspects including but not limited to innovation in user experience, improving speed, coexistence and/or convergence of licensed and unlicensed wireless, innovation in business model, etc.

### JUDGES EVALUATED:

- Technical Innovation.
- Business model innovation.
- Value proposition for end users.

## The Shortlist



### BOINGO WIRELESS

Championing Convergence:  
Boingo DAS and Wi-Fi  
Networks Win Big at  
Philips Arena



### KT

olleh tv air



### TELIA WI-FI WITH APTILO NETWORKS

Telia Company pioneer in  
convergence enabled by  
Aptilo Networks



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## CATEGORY 2

### BEST WIRELESS NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AWARD

The Best Wireless Network Infrastructure Award open to Technology providers.

This category contains two sub-categories:

**2a - Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Network Infrastructure Award**

**2b - Best Converged Network Infrastructure Award**

#### 2a - Best Next Gen Wi-Fi Network Infrastructure Award

The independent judging panel were looking for an entry that obtained significant progress in terms of technical or commercial advances within the network and/or offering new value added services.

#### JUDGES EVALUATED:

- Technical design in network elements, based on Next Gen Wi-Fi network technology.
- Benefits provided to the operator business case.
- Improvements in performance, cost control and network management.
- Enhancement of existing value added services that the network can deliver.
- Creativity and market impact.
- The category is for commercially available products, devices, applications or services that have been launched in at least one country/market by the time of awards entry deadline.

### The Shortlist



#### AFFIRMED NETWORKS

Affirmed Networks' fully virtualized, Wi-Fi Gateway (built on top of its leading Mobile Content Cloud solution)



#### SKSPRUCE TECHNOLOGIES INC.

One of the Largest Wi-Fi Network, with over 460,000 APs seamlessly integrated into SoftBank's LTE network



#### TELEWORLD SOLUTIONS

SmallCellSite.com



This category highlights advances in Wi-Fi network infrastructure deployments (including network operator, venue or city deployments).

## 2b - Best Converged Network Infrastructure Award

The independent judging panel were looking for an entry that has interesting deployments concerning coexistence and convergence of licensed & unlicensed networks.

## JUDGES EVALUATED:

- Technical design in network elements, based on a combination of coexistent or converged network technologies.
- Benefits provided to the operator business case.
- Improvements in performance, cost control and network management.
- Enhancement of existing value added services that the network can deliver.
- Creativity and market impact.

## The Shortlist



### APTILO NETWORKS

Aptilo SMP  
Wi-Fi Calling™



### M3CONNECT GMBH

conn4 – the unified  
solution for digital  
convenience



### RUCKUS WIRELESS

OpenG defeats  
in-building cellular  
coverage for consumers



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## CATEGORY 3

### BEST WIRELESS SERVICE INNOVATION AWARD

The Best Wireless Service Innovation Awards open to Operator and Technology providers.

This category contains two sub-categories:

**3a - Best Consumer Centric Wireless Service Innovation Award**

**3b - Best Industrial Wireless Service Innovation Award**

#### 3a - Best Consumer Centric Wireless Service Innovation Award

This award is to recognize consumer centric services or service enablers, such as Roaming, Voice over Wi-Fi, Location Based Services, etc.

Judges evaluated:

- Technical / commercial Innovation.
- Enhancing the user experience.
- Creativity and market impact.
- The category is for pre-commercially or commercially available products, devices, applications or services that have been tested, trialed or deployed in at least one country/market by the time of awards entry deadline.

### The Shortlist



#### ACCURIS NETWORKS

Harnessing Wi-Fi to  
Create a Better  
Wi-Fi Experience



#### GLOBALREACH TECHNOLOGY LTD

Creating a seamless global user  
experience over Wi-Fi whilst  
minimizing latency



#### KT

olleh tv air



The category is for pre-commercially or commercially available products, devices, applications or services that have been tested, trialed or deployed in at least one country/market by the time of awards entry deadline. The service can use Wi-Fi, in combination with licensed and unlicensed technology's.

### 3b - Best Industrial Wireless Service Innovation

This award is to recognize services that have impact to industrial applications, such as transport, energy, utilities & facilities, health & science, and many other public and industrial serving sectors.

Judges evaluated:

- Technical / commercial Innovation.
- Enhancing the user experience.
- Creativity and market impact.
- The category is for pre-commercially or commercially available products, devices, applications or services that have been tested, trialed or deployed in at least one country/market by the time of awards entry deadline.

## The Shortlist



### APTILO NETWORKS

Aptilo SMP Venue  
Wi-Fi Manager™



### AT&T

AT&T Foundry for  
Connected Health at  
Texas Medical Center



### JCDRAWN WITH TAIPEI CITY

Broken Bridges and Roads -  
from a connected city network  
roaming perspective, how to  
connect them



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# CATEGORY 4

## BEST CONNECTED CITY DEPLOYMENT AWARD



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The Best Connected City Development Award aims to recognize the latest technical and business innovations for city deployments. This category is open for Cities or Cities together with their Operator and/or Technology Partners.

This category is for available services that have been launched and are available in at least one market by the award entry deadline.

Cities and local governments have been implementing urban-wide wireless networks, to help improve connectivity to residents and visitors, and to support city services such as garbage collection, traffic and transport management, health services etc. The service can be using Wi-Fi, in combination with licensed and unlicensed technology.

Judges evaluated:

- Complexity or scale of deployment.
- Innovation applied in the public/private partnership model and/or monetization models.
- Approach towards coexistence and convergence of different network technologies, including Next Gen Wi-Fi.
- Improvement of quality of service to end-users and city services.

## The Shortlist



**BT**

MK Smart – a live deployment of multiple smart city applications to make tangible improvements to public service delivery, business



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK -  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY &  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DOITT)**

LinkNYC - The First of It's Kind!



**INFO-COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(IMDA)**

Wireless@SG plays a key role in a connected Singapore



# CATEGORY 5

## BEST WIRELESS DEPLOYMENT IN RURAL OR REMOTE AREAS AWARD

The Best Wireless Deployment in Rural or Remote Areas Award aims to focus on deployments in Rural or Remote Communities, in both in established as well as emerging markets.

This category is open for governments (regional/city), operators and/or technology providers.

This category is for available services that have been launched and are available in at least one market by the awards entry deadline. The service can use Wi-Fi, in combination with licensed and unlicensed technology.

We are going to be looking for new ideas, either from a technical or business model perspective, that are able to demonstrate a sustainable wireless deployment that provides demonstrable cost savings, revenue generation, ease of use or best-in-class access in low density environments.

Judges evaluated:

- Complexity or scale of deployment.
- Innovation applied in the public/private partnership model and/or monetization models.
- Approach towards coexistence and convergence of different network technologies.
- New technical or business approaches to create a sustainable deployment.
- Long term market impact.

### The Shortlist

**Microsense**  
Seamless connectivity

**MICROSENSE PRIVATE LIMITED**

Wi-Fi deployment in a rural / remote village in South of India



**PROJECT ISIZWE**

Innovative solutions bring rural Limpopo online



**SK TELECOM**

Smart Wireless Backhaul Solution by SK Telecom



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# CATEGORY 6

## BEST WIRELESS INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD



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The Best Wireless Innovation and Excellence in Social Impact Award aims to celebrate innovative wireless solutions from an operator and/or technology provider with high social impacts, such as innovations in education, health, etc. in low-income areas, but also e.g. emergency or humanitarian communications etc.

This category is for available services that have been launched or widespread trials in at least one market by the awards entry deadline.

### Judges evaluated:

- Innovation: Work has supported new approaches to reach maximum impact.
- Leverage: Results can be re-used by other individuals, groups or communities and motivate new innovations.
- Focus: Results are focused on solving a specific problem.
- Impact: Innovation has a significant positive impact on a social or humanitarian problem.
- We are seeking real world implementations with sustainable business models, although widespread trials are acceptable.

## The Shortlist



**KT**

Digital Island  
Moheshkhali



**LEFT**

YO! Connectivity to the  
Unconnected



**PROJECT ISIZWE**

Wi-Fi TV – lights,  
camera, citizenship!

## CATEGORY 7

### WBA WIRELESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award has been created to recognize contribution(s) by a person, team or organization that have supported and/or advanced the vision of WBA and/or its work areas, both within or outside the WBA. This is a recognition of leaders in the wireless sector.

These contributions may be found in technological innovations, new or disruptive business models and strategies, public policy and advocacy, etc.

Candidates can be nominated by WBA members and non-members alike, and should provide information that will demonstrate the major contributions their nominee has made to significantly influence and impact the wireless ecosystem development.

The Award is selected by the WBA Board of Directors. The Award will be presented by the Chair and Co-chair of the WBA on behalf of the WBA Board of Directors.

This category is open for WBA members and non-members.

### The Shortlist

**DAVID HAGAN,**  
CEO  
Boingo Wireless

**IMDA – Wireless@SG –**  
**Singapore’s largest city**  
**wide federated public**  
**Wi-Fi network**

**JESSICA ROSENWORCEL,**  
FCC Commissioner



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# CATEGORY 8

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD (NON-OPERATOR)

This award has been created to recognize the contribution of WBA non-operator members to WBA work and work-areas.

Candidates are nominated by the WBA membership, and should provide information that will demonstrate what kind of significant contributions their nominee has made to the projects and activities of WBA.

This award has been created to recognize the contribution of WBA members to WBA work and work-areas and voting among the WBA members.

Judges evaluated:

- General contribution to wireless industry.
- Driving WBA initiatives.
- Overall support to WBA.
- Developed an outstanding works in last 12 months.

### The Shortlist



**BSG WIRELESS**



**INTEL**



**RUCKUS WIRELESS**

## CATEGORY 9

### DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD (OPERATOR)

This award has been created to recognize the contribution of WBA Operator members to WBA work and work-areas.

Candidates are nominated by the WBA membership, and should provide information that will demonstrate what kind of significant contributions their nominee has made to the projects and activities of WBA.

This award has been created to recognize the contribution of WBA members to WBA work and work-areas and voting among the WBA members.

Judges evaluated:

- General contribution to wireless industry.
- Driving WBA initiatives.
- Overall support to WBA.
- Developed an outstanding works in last 12 months.

### The Shortlist



AT&T



BOINGO WIRELESS



ORANGE



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# THE WBA MISSION

**WBA is the leading organization driving the adoption of wireless broadband and championing the development of the converged wireless broadband ecosystem through seamless, secure and interoperable unlicensed wireless broadband services for delivering outstanding user experience.**

Wi-Fi and unlicensed wireless have now become a serious part in the telecommunications field, and are stepping outside their traditional role of providing connectivity to consumers toward vertical market specific sectors such as Cities, IoT service platforms, etc. Interoperability and security between different technologies is rapidly becoming a key requirement in developing new services.

Wi-Fi is poised to play an important role in the development of 5G. The adoption of Next-Generation Wi-Fi services will need the coexistence and convergence of unlicensed and licensed networks in order to have significant impact on the future of wireless communications.



Learn from the combined expertise and experience of our members. Get insight into global trends in the converged and unlicensed wireless ecosystems in addition to industry best practices.



Leverage networking and partnership-building opportunities at our world-class industry events. Join us at the Wireless Global Congress, Vision Forum, or one of our many one-on-one meeting opportunities, attended by the world's largest telecommunications companies.



Engage the community of operators, global LTE and Wi-Fi convergence partners, business leaders and technical experts that form our membership.



Influence The development of technical specifications and frameworks and have you say on key WBA initiatives through involvement in our working groups or on our projects.

# MEMBERSHIP - JOIN THE WBA

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### GENERAL MEMBER

For network operators or technology companies interested in full participation in WBA Members Meeting and full voting rights.

### OBSERVER MEMBER

Open to operators and vendors with an annual revenue below \$50m (USD)  
Restricted participation in WBA projects and no voting rights.

### GROUP MEMBER

Open to affiliate companies of existing WBA Board or general members.  
Participation in WBA projects allowed but voting rights via parent member companies.

## BENEFITS EXCLUSIVELY FOR WBA MEMBERS

### Collaboration Tools and Extranet

Connect with a global community of 500+ industry experts. Collaborate, network, search and share information, intelligence and the resources that you need to influence and grow your business within the Wi-Fi ecosystem.

### Participation and Networking Programs and Projects

Participate in Members-only programmes, projects and working groups which enable you to work with other industry players in a structured and efficient way towards common business objectives.

### Marketing and Market Intelligence

Leverage the WBA platforms to enhance your business profile and promote your brand on the world stage.

### Events Opportunities

Participate and engage with the world's leading wireless industry events for the ecosystem, Wireless Global Congress, attract over 1,700 people from across the globe annually.

To view all of the benefits available to WBA Members, please visit:  
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alternatively scan the QR Code



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Founded in 2003, the Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA) works tirelessly to champion the development of a converged wireless broadband ecosystem; through the seamless, secure and interoperable unlicensed wireless broadband services, and enable outstanding user experience for more than 2 billion global subscribers through our member operators.