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IO, the leading provider of next-generation modular data center technology and services, today announced it was the recipient of the Pioneering Award at the 2012 Governor's Celebration of Innovation, the highest honor given at the annual event. The award is presented to an outstanding company that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in contributing to Arizona's technology industry through sustained business presence, corporate citizenship, community involvement and business success.

"At a time when enterprises depend on their data center infrastructure more than ever, IO has truly brought innovation and reinvention to the data center market," said Steven G. Zylstra, President and CEO of the Arizona Technology Council. "Their Data Center 2.0 technology is a testament to the exceptional quality of innovation and top talent that exists in Arizona."

"We are honored to receive this award of recognition for our employees and customers," said Anthony Wanger, President of IO. "To be recognized for innovation speaks to the heart of IO's mission to continually challenge ourselves not to accept the status quo and to surpass our customer's expectations for excellence."

Data Center 2.0 is a new operating paradigm, developed by IO and endorsed by the data center industry, in which the data center becomes the foundation of business alignment and IT transformation creating a sustainable competitive advantage for conducting business. The platform consists of integrated data center infrastructure technology, IO.Anywhere™ hardware and IO.OS® software, that provide "off the shelf" standardized modular data center capacity units and operating system controls that can be deployed on premise or consumed as Data Center as a Service (DCaaS™).

About the Arizona Technology Council

The Arizona Technology Council is Arizona's premier trade association for science and technology companies. Recognized as having a diverse professional business community, Council members work towards furthering the advancement of technology in Arizona through leadership, education, legislation and social action. The Arizona Technology Council offers numerous events, educational forums and business conferences that bring together leaders, managers, employees and visionaries to make an impact on the technology industry. These interactions contribute to the Council's culture of growing member businesses and transforming technology in Arizona. To become a member or to learn more about the Arizona Technology Council, please visit <http://www.aztechcouncil.org>.

About the Arizona Commerce Authority

The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) is the state's aggressive, premier economic development agency tasked with improving Arizona's overall economy through the

creation of quality jobs. The ACA focuses on the attraction of valuable business to Arizona, the expansion of existing business and the creation of new business. Target industries include aerospace and defense, semiconductors, bioscience, optics and renewable energy. Visit azcommerce.com for more.

About IO

IO is a global leader in software-defined data centers and has pioneered the next generation of data center infrastructure technology. IO's integrated hardware and software data center technology platform offers enterprises, governments, and service providers an innovative way to deploy, provision, and optimize data center capacity anywhere in the world. IO technology lowers the total cost of data center ownership compared to traditional data centers, enabling dynamic deployment and intelligent control based on the needs of IT equipment and applications in the data center.

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