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**CMP TECHNOLOGY HONORS INDUSTRY ICON ERIC LIDOW WITH THE
2007 EE TIMES ACE AWARDS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Entrepreneur, Innovator and Businessman Receives Industry's Highest Accolade

SAN FRANCISCO – February 19, 2007 – CMP Technology's *EE Times* announced today that Eric Lidow is the recipient of the 2007 EE Times ACE Awards Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Lidow will be honored at the third Annual Creativity in Electronics (ACE) Awards Gala (www.eetimes.com/ace) on April 3, 2007, as part of the largest electronic systems design event in North America, the Embedded Systems Conference Silicon Valley.

Mr. Lidow is being honored for making significant contributions to the electronics industry for more than 60 years. As a pioneer in his field, he is responsible for founding one of the first electronics companies in existence today, International Rectifier (IRF), in 1947 with his father. Mr. Lidow grew the company into a \$1.1 billion business that led the industry in selenium and germanium rectifiers, power-management systems and, in 1960, produced the world's first solar-powered automobile.

"Lidow's achievements as an entrepreneur, an innovator and businessmen with a penchant for green engineering make him a natural for our Lifetime Achievement Award," said Brian Fuller, editor-in-chief of *EE Times*. "Long after most electronics executives have retired, Lidow comes to work every day, driving a hybrid vehicle."

In 1940, he co-founded and served as general manager of Selenium Corp. of America, which was acquired by Sperry Corp. in 1944. Mr. Lidow stayed on after the acquisition, serving as vice-president of engineering until starting IR. IR was created to put to use advanced processes they had developed for manufacturing selenium rectifiers, which converted alternating electrical current to direct electrical current.

After expanding into germanium rectifiers, diodes and transistors for the U.S. market, the company expanded into Japan in 1957. Mr. Lidow was chief executive officer until March 1995. Today, he continues his involvement with the company as chairman of the board.

"This is a wonderful personal honor and reflective of International Rectifier's achievements in power management over the past 60 years. Moments like these also offer great opportunities to look ahead. We all must find ways to continue to innovate," said Eric Lidow, chairman and founder of International Rectifier. "I thank *EE Times* for this award and for being a vehicle that can help engineers make progress."

The EE Times ACE Awards Lifetime Achievement Award candidates were selected by the editors of *EE Times* based on their individual accomplishments over the course of their careers. Past honorees include Wilf Corrigan, chairman of the board for LSI Logic and Gordon Moore, chairman emeritus of Intel Corporation.

"Avnet is proud to be the exclusive platinum sponsor of the 2007 EE Times ACE Awards and to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to this year's honoree," said Ian Basey, vice president, marketing, Avnet Electronics Marketing. "Eric Lidow is truly an entrepreneurial pioneer and visionary whose spirit of innovation will inspire the electronics industry for years to come."

About EE Times ACE Awards

The EE Times Annual Creativity in Electronics (ACE) Awards celebrate the creators of technology who demonstrate leadership and innovation in the global industry and shape the world we live in. These creators, and their innovations, will be recognized at the EE Times ACE Awards Gala on April 3, 2007, as part of CMP Technology's Embedded Systems Conference Silicon Valley (www.embedded.com/esc/sv/), the largest electronic systems design event in North America.

To learn more and purchase tickets for the EE Times ACE Awards Gala, please visit www.eetimes.com/ace.

Early registration discounted tickets and tables are now available online until March 1, 2007. Held at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel, event tickets include a networking cocktail reception, sit-down dinner, awards presentation and entertainment by comedian Larry Miller. Miller is known for his regular comedic and acting performances including "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with David Letterman," and feature films "Waiting for Guffman" and "Pretty Woman."

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