



## **BlackSpider Honoured by Channel Partners at CRN Awards**

*BlackSpider named as Specialist Vendor of the Year - Services*

28 November 2005 – BlackSpider Technologies, the only 100% channel-focused managed security services company, was voted Specialist Vendor of the Year (services category) at the CRN Awards.

The company's new channel programme, launched only four months ago, was lauded by the judges and readers of the magazine and trounced the competition:

"In the [Specialist Vendor of the Year] Services category, there was good support for all the vendors, but BlackSpider won by a considerable distance on both the reader and judges votes. The company is clearly giving value to the reseller community and getting the recognition it deserves."

Simon Meredith, CRN.

<http://www.channelweb.co.uk/crn/features/2146540/channel-players-pick-champions>

The award comes a week after BlackSpider won the coveted IT Services Supplier of the Year Award at the Computing Awards.

John Cheney, CEO, BlackSpider Technologies, comments: "Our success at both of these awards ceremonies caps what has been a very exciting year at our company. We are delighted that our channel partners recognise the value of BlackSpider to their business and that they voted for us in such numbers to win."

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### **About BlackSpider Technologies:**

BlackSpider Technologies ([www.blackspider.com](http://www.blackspider.com)) is Europe's fastest-growing security services company.

Its award-winning MailControl email security services give complete protection against email viruses, spam and inappropriate content as well as encrypting email for securing extended enterprise communications. In October 2005 BlackSpider launches WebDefence, a web filtering service which protects against web threats such as viruses, spyware and phishing as well as controlling employee web access. When combined, these integrated services provide multi-tier defence against the blended threats that present today's greatest communications security risk.

BlackSpider's MailControl and WebDefence services require no software or hardware and combine leading-edge technology with a world-class infrastructure and 24 x 7 coverage. Customers choosing BlackSpider enjoy demonstrably higher levels of protection; retain full control of their security policies whilst at the same time realising significant cost savings against managing alternative solutions in-house.

BlackSpider delivers security services to companies including LogicaCMG, Atkins, Misys, Eversheds, Johnson Matthey and Panasonic Mobile.

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