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### **ReliOn E-2500 Fuel Cell System Wins Third Place at CTIA E-Tech Awards**

ReliOn Recognized for Innovation in Green Telecom & Smart Energy Solutions Category

**Spokane, WA, March 29, 2011** – ReliOn’s E-2500 fuel cell system was awarded third place in the Green Telecom & Smart Energy Solutions, Applications and Hardware category of CTIA’s annual Emerging Technology (E-Tech) Awards competition last week. The [CTIA E-Tech Awards](#) honor the most innovative new products in 14 categories spanning the areas of mobile apps, consumer electronics, enterprise and infrastructure. Winners were announced at [International CTIA WIRELESS® 2011](#), which took place March 22-24 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Upon notification of the E-Tech award, Joe Blanchard, ReliOn’s VP, Product Management commented, “ReliOn is honored to have been selected as the third place winner in the Green Telecom & Smart Energy category. There were several strong technologies in this category and we are excited that the panel of media and industry judges recognized our E-2500 fuel cell for its innovation and technological importance. Fuel cells are serving an important function in the telecom industry. Without power, none of the convenient and life-saving mobile devices can function. Balancing the need for power with the desire to work toward a sustainable environment is something all of us continue to strive for.”

Announced earlier this month, the E-2500 fuel cell is the third in a new ReliOn product line, the E-series. The E-2500 fuel cell system offers 2,500 Watts of power in a simply-designed, air-cooled fuel cell system housed in an 8U (14” tall) 23” rack-mountable package. The development of this new product utilizes the patented modular, fault-tolerant aspects of ReliOn’s field-proven fuel cell systems in higher density power modules. As with all of ReliOn’s fuel cell products, emissions are limited to warm air and a small amount of water, and the E-2500 system is exempt from the most stringent air quality standards, such as those set by the California Air Resources Board. A scalable backup power solution, the E-2500 fuel cell system can provide 24 hours of power for equipment needing up to 10kW in an industry-leading footprint. Higher power configurations are available as well.

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**About ReliOn**

ReliOn's continuous innovation in core technology has made it a leader in the development and marketing of modular, fault-tolerant fuel cell products for customers seeking solutions to critical backup power applications. With more than 1,150 systems serving sites in 38 U.S. states and 21 countries, ReliOn customers enjoy the benefits of high reliability, low operating costs and easy maintenance. ReliOn fuel cells...simply powerful. [www.relion-inc.com](http://www.relion-inc.com).

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