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Local sensor manufacturer recognized for its contributions in 2006….

MTS SYSTEMS NAMED FINALIST FOR 2006 NCTA 21 AWARDS

CARY, N.C. (October 30, 2006) – MTS Systems Corp, Sensors Division has been named a finalist in the Electronics Company of the Year category for the 2006 NCTA 21 Awards. The NCTA 21 Awards recognize outstanding contributions made by information technology companies and individuals in North Carolina to the industry, community and state in the past year.

"Selecting finalists from what became the largest and most impressive list of nominees in NCTA 21 awards program's history was a difficult task," said Joan Myers, president and CEO of NCTA. "We look forward to the awards gala so we can celebrate not only the finalists but all the companies and individuals who are driving the knowledge economy in North Carolina."

MTS Sensors Division was established in North Carolina in 1988, pioneering the development of Temposonics® magnetostrictive sensing technology for linear position and liquid-level measurement. Today its products enable an ever-increasing level of automation that drives the growth and efficiency of manufacturing productivity.

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"Our products are used in sensing and control applications in a wide variety of markets around the world," said Drew Smedley, Director of Global Marketing for MTS. "From the latest high speed motion control system for plastics manufacturing to new steer-by-wire applications in off-highway construction machinery, MTS is supplying advanced technology to the world's leading companies."

One hundred and thirty people are located in MTS' Cary location, where they design, develop and manufacture a wide range of linear position and liquid-level sensors.

The NCTA 21 awards are grouped in five categories: technology industry awards, stage of development awards, functional awards, leadership awards and excellence awards. Each year, NCTA also presents an Outstanding Achievement Award to an individual who has demonstrated a career-long commitment to the advancement of the IT industry.

Winners will be recognized at the annual awards gala on November 9, 2006 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Cary, N.C., presented in conjunction with Grant Thornton. The theme for this year's event is "Renaissance: Invention to Opportunity" and will be attended by more than 400 executives and thought leaders from across the state.

For additional information and to view a list of winners from last year's NCTA 21 Awards, visit www.nc-tech.org.

MTS Systems Corporation is the world leader in magnetostrictive linear-position and liquid-level sensor technology. MTS Systems Corporation is a global operation, with facilities in the U.S., Germany and Japan. In the U.S., the MTS Sensors Division has an ISO 9001 facility manufacturing rugged and reliable liquid-level and linear position sensors based on patented MTS Temposonics® technology. With a strong commitment to research and development, product quality and customer service, the Sensors Division is constantly seeking ways to bring the highest value to customers.

About NCTA

The North Carolina Technology Association (NCTA) is a not-for-profit membership-driven trade organization and the primary voice of the information technology industry in North Carolina. NCTA is the intersection of leadership and

technology, fueling the growth of North Carolina through Executive Engagement, Public Affairs, and a Knowledge Workforce. For more information, visit www.nc-tech.org.