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## COMPUTERWORLD MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION AS 2011 LAUREATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Human rights agency International Justice Mission (IJM) today announced its selection by *Computerworld* magazine as a Computerworld Honors Program 2011 Laureate and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Achievement Award winner. The annual award program honors visionary applications of information technology promoting positive social, economic and educational change. The Computerworld Honors awards were presented at the Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards on June 20, 2011 at the Andre W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. IJM was recognized as a Computerworld Laureate in the “Safety & Security” category.

“The number and quality of nominations this year were very inspiring and demonstrate how valuable IT is to community change,” said John Amato, Publisher, *Computerworld*. “*Computerworld* is very proud to name the 2011 class of Laureates and showcase their initiatives benefiting society through innovative uses of IT.”

IJM is a non-profit human rights agency that secures rescue for victims of slavery, sex trafficking and other forms of violent oppression. With an urgent mission, IJM depends on rapid data access to support critical frontline work. “The Computerworld Honors Program is a significant honor, and we’re humbled to be recognized as a 2011 Laureate,” said John Lax, Vice President of Information Systems at International Justice Mission, who represented the organization at the awards ceremony. “By leveraging solutions from Riverbed Technology, we’re able to reap the benefits of superior data optimization that allows us to save money and keep our organizational focus on rescuing the victims of violence who are waiting for help.”

IJM is a leader in the use of cutting-edge information technologies in justice work. IJM has deployed the Riverbed® Steelhead™, a solution for WAN acceleration, and saw communication times plunge by a factor of 5-10 times. This increased efficiency has given IJM the to connect global staff, and has improved IJM’s ability to ensure the security of staff and clients. IJM has also deployed the Riverbed Whitewater™ appliance, a cloud storage accelerator, to accelerate, deduplicate and encrypt its backups to cloud storage in the Amazon S3 environment. This technology has enabled IJM to improve its recovery point objective (RPO) from two weeks to less than an hour. Moving to cloud storage also enabled IJM to move data securely offsite without investing in a secondary data center—dramatically accelerating its recovery times and significantly driving down the cost of backup.

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### **About International Justice Mission**

International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that brings rescue to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local officials to secure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators and to ensure that public justice systems – police, courts, and laws – effectively protect the poor.

### **About Computerworld**

*Computerworld* is the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide, providing peer perspective, IT leadership and business results. *Computerworld*’s award-winning Web site, bi-

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**About Computerworld Honors Program**

Founded by International Data Group (IDG) in 1988, The Computerworld Honors Program is governed by not-for-profit Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. Computerworld Honors is the longest running global program to honor individuals and organizations that use information technology to promote positive social, economic and educational change.

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