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E&I Cooperative Services Opens Nominations for Inaugural Cloud Leadership Awards supported by Adobe, Cisco, Microsoft Azure and CDW•G

Awards Honor Higher Education Institutions for Innovation with Cloud Solutions

JERICHO, N.Y. -- E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) is now accepting nominations for its inaugural Cloud Leadership Awards. The Cloud Leadership Awards, generously sponsored by Adobe, Cisco, Microsoft Azure, and CDW•G, will honor the outstanding achievements of up to fifty higher education institutions which - through their innovative and effective use of cloud solutions - have benefitted students, teachers, administrators, and/or staff.

"Technology is a critical area of interest and growth for our members, and cloud solutions have become increasingly important on campus," said Tom Fitzgerald, CEO of E&I. "We're excited to recognize the most innovative higher education institutions for their efforts in this area, so that all of our members can realize the positive impacts, increased efficiencies, and cost-savings."

Nominations may be submitted now at cloudleadershipawards.com. The first round of submissions is due August 2, 2017. Nominees will be evaluated by a panel of judges familiar with cloud solutions, and winners will be chosen based upon criteria including number of students impacted, cost

savings, and improved IT performance. The judges will select three overall Cloud Innovation winners, as well as three winners in each of the following categories, and up to twenty-six honorable mentions:

- Identity/Access Management

- Cloud Storage

- Backup/Disaster Recovery

- Hybrid IaaS/PaaS

- Security/Cloud Access Security Brokers (CASB)

- Collaboration

- Other use of cloud

All winners will be recognized at a dedicated ceremony during the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 2, 2017. For all the details about the Cloud Leadership Awards, please visit https://www.cloudleadershipawards.com/.

About E&I

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