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WINNERS OF E&I'S SECOND ANNUAL CLOUD LEADERSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT EDUCAUSE

Winners recognized for innovative and effective use of cloud solutions in higher education

DENVER, C.O. – E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) announced the winners of its second annual Cloud Leadership Awards during a ceremony at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. The awards recognize the achievements of higher education institutions that have made innovative use of cloud technology across several categories, including cloud storage, security, and backup/disaster recovery.

“Cloud technology is imperative in allowing educational institutions to do more for their staff, students, teachers, and administrators,” said Tom Fitzgerald, CEO of E&I. “It is an honor to recognize our members who have made innovative use of this technology, showcasing what they have accomplished and the positive impacts, increased efficiencies, and cost-savings behind cloud solutions.”

Cornell University was declared the overall 2018 winner. Cornell hosts a Cloud Forum which creates the opportunity for technology industry leaders to meet to have impactful, valuable conversations about cloud use within higher education.

A complete list of the other award recipients by category is as follows:

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Innovation	Collaboration	Backup/Disaster Recovery
Winner: Arizona State University Runner-Up: Oral Roberts University	Winner: Penn State University Runner-Up: Montana State University	Winner: Harvard University Runner-Up: University of Maryland Baltimore County
Cloud Storage	Public/Private Cloud Security	Hybrid IaaS/PaaS
Winner: Duquesne University Runner-Up: Northeastern Illinois University	Winner: Emory University Runner-Up: University of Arizona UITS	Winner: Northeastern Illinois University Runner-Up: University of Maryland Baltimore County

The Cloud Leadership Awards were created in 2017 by E&I Cooperative Services. Sponsors of the 2018 E&I Cloud Leadership Awards include Canon, D2L, Ltd., DLT Solutions, and Juniper Networks. For full details about the awards, and to get information about how to nominate an institution for 2019, please visit: www.cloudleadershipawards.com.

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