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Proofpoint Systems' Performance Analysis Support System (PASS) selected as Finalist in the category for Best New Product or Service in The 2006 American Business AwardsSM

New York, NY – May 15, 2006 – Proofpoint Systems, Inc. was named a Finalist today in the Best New Product or Service category in The 2006 American Business Awards for its Performance Analysis Support System (PASS).

PASS is a comprehensive web-based organizational diagnostic system that pinpoints performance barriers and recommends optimal productivity-enhancing solutions. With over 60 tools, built-in calculators, on-demand guidance, and graphic displays of key metrics, PASS helps leaders make improvement decisions quickly and effectively, and then easily communicate their plans via auto-generated reports and summaries.

Hailed as "the business world's own Oscars" by the *New York Post* (April 27, 2005), The American Business Awards are the only national, all-encompassing business awards program honoring great performances in the workplace. Past Finalists include Agilent, KB Homes, Nextel, Northrop Grumman, Oracle, Red Hat, SAS, Siemens, and Sprint.

This year, more than 1,500 entries from virtually every industry were submitted for consideration in more than 40 categories, including Best Overall Company, Best Executive, and Best New Product or Service. Members of the Awards' Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors and their staffs will select Award winners this week. Finalists were chosen by business professionals nationwide during preliminary judging in March through early May.

Winners will be announced during the annual gala on Monday, June 12 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. More than 800 executives are expected to attend.

"Being named a Finalist in The American Business Awards is an important achievement," said Michael Gallagher, founder and president of The Stevie Awards. "It means that independent business executives have agreed that the nominee is worthy of national recognition."

Dr. Jim Hill, CEO of Proofpoint Systems, said, "We're very pleased about this news. In addition to the tremendous attention PASS has received in the US federal sector, companies and agencies in more than 24 countries have begun using our suite of tools. That's exciting. Being recognized as a Finalist for this award, just adds to the enthusiasm we have for what most are calling an 'industry-changing application'."

About Proofpoint Systems: Proofpoint Systems of Los Altos, CA, (www.proofpoint.net) is the global provider of web-based applications that support individual and organizational performance. Using a finely tuned mix of multidisciplinary expertise and cutting edge technology, Proofpoint's visionary applications and support enable organizations to achieve breakthrough productivity.

About The American Business Awards: Details about the Awards and the list of Finalists in all categories are available at www.stevieawards.com/aba.

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