



Microsoft winners

GreenButton and Provoke were among the big winners at the fifth annual Microsoft New Zealand Partner Awards 2011, taking out the BizSpark Partner of the Year and Citizenship Solution of the Year supreme awards, respectively.

The Citizenship award recognises projects that deliver 'significant' social impact to the community and help improve quality of life of all New Zealanders.

The award for Distributor of the Year went to Express Data, with Gen-i claiming Reseller of the Year.

The awards recognise 'the exemplary work of Microsoft partners and the impressive solutions they create', Microsoft says. "Microsoft partners are able to showcase their work to peers, increase their brand recognition and promote their success among customers."

Twenty-three awards, across four sub-categories – Solution Awards, Individual Awards, Partner Awards and Supreme Awards – were handed out.

GreenButton, along with Vista Entertainment Solutions, also took out the Software Exporter of the Year supreme award, with GreenButton's Dave Fellows named Solutions Architect of the Year. Meanwhile, Provoke also took out the award for Online Services Partner of the Year and the supreme award for Small Business Solution of the Year went to Kinetics Group.

Gen-i also scooped the awards for Unified Communications Solution of the Year and Desktop Deployment Solution of the Year. Datacom was also a multi-award winner, taking out Business Intelligence Solution of the Year and Virtualisation and Management Solution of the Year.

Other winners on the night included Softsource (Hosting and Data Centre Solution of the Year), NV Interactive (Web Development Solution of the Year), Intergen (Windows Azure Platform Solution of the Year) and Enlighten Designs (Portals and Collaboration Solution of the Year).

Fujitsu topped the list for Dynamics CRM Solution of the Year, Market won Windows Phone Solution of the Year and Theta Systems were the Dynamics ERP Solution of the Year.

Les Mills' Matt Tucker, won the Partners' Choice CIO of the Year, after being nominated by Dimension Data, and in the partner awards division, OMD was named MSN advertising partner of the year, Spark PHDiQ had the MSN campaign of the year and ACE Training provided the training solution experience of the year.