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Tonight esteemed innovators in the technology industry are gathering to celebrate the power of technology to address global challenges and benefit humanity. At a black tie gala in San Jose, Calif., The Tech Awards, presented by Applied Materials (Nasdaq: AMAT), and a signature program of The Tech Museum of Innovation awarded $250,000 to five technologists, educators, scientists and entrepreneurs who are using technology to improve our world. The five $50,000 cash prize recipients hail from the United States, Namibia, the United Kingdom and India. Each has developed or adapted technology in creative ways to solve global problems.

Since 2001, The Tech Awards has annually honored 25 innovators from around the world in five categories: education, equality, environment, economic development, and health. One project is selected from each category to receive a $50,000 cash prize. The cash prize recipients are encouraged to invest their winnings in new or existing programs that use technology to significantly improve the human condition. This year, hundreds of nominations were received from 68 countries.

This year’s gala was attended by more than 1,400 technology luminaries, Silicon Valley business leaders, global philanthropists and guests.

The five winners of The Tech Awards 2008 are:

- Intel Environment Award: Biomass Energy Project, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Namibia
- Accenture Economic Development Award: DESI Power: Decentralised Energy Systems India, India
- Microsoft Education Award: Digital StudyHall, India
- Katherine M. Swanson Equality Award: Build Change, San Francisco, CA, USA
- Fogarty Institute for Innovation Health Award: K1 ‘Auto Disable’ Syringe, Marc Koska, Star Syringe, Ltd., United Kingdom

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SOUNDBITES:
* Muhammad Yunus, pioneer of microcredit and founder of Grameen Bank, winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, and recipient of the 2008 James C. Morgan Global Humanitarian Award
* Peter Friess, President of The Tech Museum of Innovation...