INFOCOMM BEST OF **SHOW AWARDS 2018**

Recognizing the Outstanding Products Exhibited at the 2018 InfoComm Show

These awards recognize outstanding products exhibited at the 2018 InfoComm Show. Winners were selected from more than 200 submitted entries by a panel of professional users and editors, who demo'ed and/or viewed the entries on the show floor. Judges evaluated the products against a set of criteria including perceived ease of use, installation, and maintenance; performance versus the category standard; richness and relevance of the feature set; network friendliness; versatility; value/ROI; and anticipated reliability. Congratulations to all the designers, engineers, and decision-makers involved with these products.

Apollo Enclosures // PRO-X75

This commercial grade all-weather outdoor digital signage display enclosure is part of the Apollo's affordable Pro-X line for ultra-high bright (1500-4000) nit outdoor applications for 70- to 75-inch ultra-bright displays in portrait and landscape. All-aluminum, powder-coated, and anti-reflective. Judges liked the combination of the Tight-Seal Technology and the thermostatically controlled and filtered multi-fan air-flow system that claims to protect from -4 degrees to 122 degrees F. Power cable is 9' outdoor rated; signal cables are protected by a watertight cover entrance (or choose direct conduit for both). Judges evaluated all entries for ease of installation and service; this model includes EZ Swing TV Mount brackets, six internal outlets and 3 auxiliary outlets, and an expanded media compartment cover for bigger components. The affordable price and swap out option were attractive from a cost and cost of ownership standpoint. "An interesting alternative solution."

Audio-Technica // 3000 Series UHF Wireless Systems

Now in its fourth generation, this system had already earned respect from judges for its proven latency-free, high-fidelity RF audio performance. This generation makes significant upgrades to face the realities of the congested RF environment. The true diversity 3000 Series systems have an operating range of 300 feet (100

meters) and two frequency bands - DE2 (470-530 MHz) and EE1 (530-590 MHz) - for a 60 MHz tuning range, which is more than twice that offered by the previous 3000 Series models. GUI elements make scanning, synching and backup simpler. Multiple component/system purchase options available. Judges liked the flexibility of interchangeable capsules and the ability to use capsules from other manufacturers and zeroed in on the "robust feature set," especially on the receiver with its dual-mode display, key metering, balanced/unbalanced output, ground-lift switch, and A/B antenna input jacks. The body-pack's new rugged cH-style screw-down 4-pin connector sealed the deal for a product that is packed with features that demonstrate realworld expertise.





Avocor // F-Series

This new interactive touchscreen platform impressed judges as "very innovative and exceptionally responsive." Its dramatically thin and light surface is the palette. Avocor's InGlass inking GUI supports the latest UC software tools, including the Microsoft 365 ecosystem with Teams, Skype for Business and Whiteboard, to show Windows (including cloud content) at room scale up to 85 inches. Judges experienced the faster touch performance and realistic writing experience delivered by InGlass (it's backed with Gen4 touch technology from market-leader FlatFrog). The specially designed 3mm-tipped stylus pens provide users with extremely accurate writing on the display for up to 4 people. The F Series also includes four passive pens or up to 20 points of simultaneous touch, which enhance group collaboration globally. Object awareness means the display can easily recognize whether you are touching the screen with a pen, finger or palm. Plenty of connectivity options, including the latest Intel OPS (Open Pluggable Specification) slot for 4K@60. Supports Barco Clickshare or WePresent and sharing over third-party displays.



Barco // UniSee

This thoroughly engineered video wall system truly addresses real-world pain points such as installation time, ease-of-servicing, reliability, and mounting, considerations that aren't always solved in a comprehensive and integrated way. It's a model of customer-driven, top-to-bottom response to issues large and small. "The UniSee solution greatly simplifies the installation and maintenance process of LCD video walls. As a way to lower the specialty skills needed to maintain and swap panels it is a huge cost of ownership reduction. While we prefer to have AV techs maintaining video walls, the reality is that many video walls suffer from substandard performance that can be solved by a person with an Allen key." Worth singling out is the gravity-driven UniSee mounting structure. The product also excels on image with bezel-less viewing and a .3mm gap (supported with a proprietary mounting technology) as well as automatic real-time continuous calibration for color and brightness edge to edge, and across multiple creative configurations.



Biamp // Tesira PoE+ Amplifier and Beamtracking Ceiling Microphones

Judges were "very impressed" with two new innovations to the Tesira platform: a power over Ethernet (PoE+) amplifier and a series of Beamtracking ceiling microphones. These new devices all integrators to leverage Biamp's full product portfolio with a total room solution in mind. Pitched at mid-sized rooms, it is both high-end with 360-degree room coverage and beamtracking and cost-effective. The pendant microphones are aesthetically-pleasing and may sway designers who think they prefer ceiling tiles. The four-channel, PoE+ conferencing amplifier can be placed wherever it's needed, including, significantly, air-handling spaces. Judges spotted the ease of installation and attendant cost savings, as well as the consideration paid to handling peak loads with a patented burst technology that can provide up to 50 watts per channel on demand. "An excellent product pairing for medium-sized conference rooms under one line. Innovative burst amplification technology worked very well."



Blackmagic Design // URSA Broadcast

This new compact \$3500 camera works with existing B4 broadcast HD lenses, can be used for both HD and Ultra HD production, features a 4K sensor, extended video dynamic range, traditional external controls and buttons, built-in optical ND filters, dual CFast and dual SD card recorders, and more. One key is the new extended video mode, which captures accurate skin tones and vibrant colors that don't need color correction before air. Perfect for worship. The camera records via ProRes onto inexpensive standard SD cards, UHS-II cards, and CFast cards, and records 1080i or 2160p video into standard .mov files. "A great camera with robust features, easy to use, and a wide arrange of accessories, all at a remarkably low price. The interchangeability of accessories with other lenses and accessories from Blackmagic and other manufacturers adds to the value."



Canon // REALiS WUX7500 LCOS Projector

Judges saw native WUXGA, 7500 lumens, and high contrast ratio at only 27db*2, along with interchangeable lens options and advanced features for a projector pitched at higher education, corporate applications, advertising, marketing, houses of worship, simulation, training, museums, galleries, and more. They liked the flexible Installation, and the lineup of six interchangeable lenses with their convenient spigot design. "Very quiet. Very flexible."



Christie // Guardian

Launched at the show, Christie Guardian is a feature of Christie Mystique Install Essentials Edition and Pro Venue Edition tools. Guardian is a powerful solution that can correct projector alignment invisibly, even when content is playing, and earned a "can't live without" rating from judges. Guardian works exclusively with the Christie Boxer Series and the all-new Crimson Series of 3DLP laser phosphor projectors. It does not require



light patterns to align and blend the image to the screen: the software automatically scans for misaligned blended images and, while the content is playing, almost instantaneously realigns them. At InfoComm judges saw this live and were sold. "An outstanding hands-on demo; for blended projection applications, this is a must-have for maintaining image alignment on the fly."

Cleerline // SSF CLEERFIBER

This remarkably strong, flexible, and easy-to-run fiber optic cable is now transparent. The cable can virtually disappear into any indoor setting, so it provides signal distribution without the necessity of penetrating walls, making it possible to discreetly connect components with a cable that resembles fishing line. Inside it is a single strand of SSF $50/125/250 \, \mu m$ multimode fiber incorporating Cleerlie's patented SSF polymer coating for extra durability and bend-insensitivity. The cable can be routed and placed inconspicuously along baseboards or ceilings, up walls, or directed anywhere for easy indoor point-to-point cable placement. The cable can be caulked and painted over, becoming virtually invisible. SSF simplifies any installation project, delivering signals to equipment previously inaccessible without unsightly cabling. Available terminated LC/LC or SC/SC and reels of 75 or 125 ft. "Good solution for products lacking proper infrastructure."

Crestron // DM NVX Series

It's the only secure network AV solution that now supports Dante and AES67 – just in time, according to judges: "Dante is an overdue add to this product line." Promising to eliminate the latency associated with network video, DM NVX provides a high-performance, real-time AV encoder or decoder that transports 4K60 4:4:4 video over standard Gigabit Ethernet and enables fully-scalable, enterprise-wide 4K content distribution. Support for HDR video (HDR10) and HDCP 2.2 ensures picture quality and compatibility for today's varied media sources. From a security standpoint, judges saw it as an enterprise-grade solution that fulfills demanding IT policies.

Crestron // DM Lite

This is a new ecosystem of simple, interchangeable signal extender products. Designed to combine high performance, flexible form factor, and wide selection, it also won with judges on price. "A solid offering for cost-limited projects and smaller applications; a good offering to augment installs where price is an issue." Simple to deploy, and available in both 1-gang and standalone boxes, DM Lite products are ideal for basic point-to-point and small auto-switching applications. They can extend 1080p signals up to 70m, and 4K60 4:2:0 signals up to 40m using Cat-5e. Designed to meet the need for inexpensive video extenders in small offices, conference rooms, and classrooms. The line currently consists of six transmitters and four receivers, any of which can be mixed and matched, and can be paired with Crestron extenders with HDMI connectivity.

D-Tools // System Integrator 2018

This latest release of D-Tools' proessional estimation and budgeting, system design, and project management software provides new performance enhancements, in addition to system design and productivity improvements, there are new features to support profitability. For instance, the Change Order process was re-engineered to enable the creation of multiple, persistent Change Orders while also adding a new approval process for Change Order acceptance. New Project and Catalog improvements allow users to clone products and labor items when adding accessories or items to a package. Service Orders can also now be created for archived projects, allowing multiple packages to be added at once to a project from the Mobile Quote Explorer. "One of the best software system design platforms in the industry."

Draper // TecVision XH800X UST ALR

Most ALR screen surfaces are manufactured to reflect off-axis ambient light away from the viewer and traditionally can hotspot with ultra-short throw projection. TecVision XH800X UST ALR rejects up to 57 percent of off-axis ambient light and has a reasonable gain of 0.8 without sacrificing projection light. It also reduces hot spotting issues often found with short throw projection. Our judges found it to be a "problem solver, great for classrooms," where the lights need to be kept on for students and instructors to work together. Available in NanoPerf up to 102 inches image height, TecVision XH800X UST ALR works with lens throw distance ratio of 0.25:1 or longer for best brightness uniformity.

DVIGear // HyperLight DisplayPort v1.4 Active Optical Cables

A new generation of advanced Active Optical Cables (AOC), the DVI-26xxx-AOC series supports DisplayPort 1.4, providing a wide range of features in a lightweight form-factor. Competitively priced for both consumers and integrators, they are fully HDCP 1.4/2.2 compliant. They transport signals with data rates up to 32.4 Gbps (HBR3) and support bidirectional communication over AUX channels for EDID, HDCP, and Link Training. HyperLight cables support very high resolution applications at 4K/60Hz (4:4:4) with cable lengths from 3 to $100 \, \text{meters}$, and $8 \, \text{K} / 30 \, \text{Hz}$ (4:4:4) at lengths up to 50 meters, which impressed judges: "Unlimited bandwidth and distance over glass." Integrators will appreciate the ease of installation in narrow conduits as well as in plenum spaces.













Vanguard LED Displays // Axion Series

AXION by VANGUARD LED DISPLAYS has been recognized as the best LED video display in the world! Feature for feature it is unequalled. The result is images that are unparalleled.











AXION is ideally suited for Broadcast applications, Command Control Centers, Boardrooms, Collaborative Conferencing using touch technology, Military/Police, Government, Hospitals, Sport venues, video conferencing, and 24/7 Emergency Operation Center applications, where redundant a power supply and a redundant receiving card ensure a fail-safe LED video display for mission critical applications.

Features:

- 16:9 Native Aspect Ratio—The measurements of each cabinet are in a native 16:9 aspect ratio. Therefore, every AXION LED video display configured with the same number of vertical and horizontal cabinets will have an overall 16:9 aspect ratio, eliminating the need to scale an image. Images will be shown exactly as they were shot and meant to be seen.
- The AXION series is available in P1.0 P1.2 P1.3 P1.5 P1.8, P2.0 P2.5mm indoor pixel pitches.

- Supports-HD, 4K, or 8K.
- Fully front serviceable.
- Cable-less Internal Architecture. No ribbons. Power connection to power connection. Data connection to data connection.
- Cable-less flat back, allows for perfect wall applications.
- Cabinet can be wall mounted, recessed, and ground supported.
- Quick locks provide easy installation.
- Built in pre-threaded mounting locations in the frame provide for creative mounting solutions.
- Redundant power supply and receiving cards.
- Magnetic modules make module replacement simple easy and fast.
- Built in seam brightness compensation for high profile applications.
- Low power consumption.

- Heat dissipation design prevents heat build-up.
- Pixel to pixel color calibration for brightness and color uniformity.
- 12-16 Bit gray scale.
- Refresh rates up to 3840Hz.
- Flicker free for broadcast applications.
- Black LED's offer high contrast ratios and exceptionally sharp image quality
- Low profile mask offers very wide viewing angles.
- 24bit (highest possible) color processing technology.
- Superb color and brightness uniformity
- Contrast Ratio-5000:1.
- Moiré Reduction Mask Available.
- VCOB- Vanguard Chip-On-Board lamp protection available.
- Touch screen technology.
- HDR 10/12 Bit support.

Dynacord // IPX Series

The series is comprised of four powerful 4- and 8-channel amplifier models ranging from 5,000 to an impressive 20,000 watts of total output power. Judges felt users could expect great flexibility both for low- and highimpedance applications with parallel, parallel/bridged power drive modes, while benefiting from up to 50 percent less power consumption thanks to Dynacord Eco Rail technology. "The Eco Rail stood out as an innovative feature that provides excellent flexibility for mixed use audio systems in a single amplifier." With fully integrated 96 kHz DSP with FIR-Drive processing and OMNEO IP architecture supporting Dante audio networking and OCA protocol, Dynacord pitches this for mid- to large-sized permanent installations.

Epson // Pro L12000Q

"An impressive large-venue video projector," said the judges, who liked that this 12,000 lumen native 4K 3LCD laser projector comes equipped with features such as swappable interface boards and compatibility with existing Epson projector lenses, including the new ultra short-throw ELPLX02 lens. The Pro L12000Q is versatile, compact and lightweight, making it easy to integrate into existing infrastructure and technology. The projector also features backward lens compatibility, geometry correction assist, and edge-blending assist for more creative possibilities. Designed for quality color output, easy setup, instant on and off features, and virtually maintenance-free operation for up to 20,000 hours with a laser light source.



FSR // DR-EDID

The DR-EDID Emulator allows the installer to simply and quickly modify information with a rotary switch to select between 16 pre-installed settings or copy the EDID from any device, a touch judges found "innovative." This will simplify issues that often arise when performing video system integration, or when left in place, it will permanently set the EDID of the system. Essentially, it's "a product that solves an ongoing problem." The unit is designed to manipulate the EDID information provided to a connected HDMI source or any device connected prior to the unit in the HDMI chain. The DR-EDID is a unique self-powered bidirectional device that can be inserted onto either end of any HDMI cable.



IHSE // 8X16 DisplayPort Dual Head 4K KVM Matrix

IHSE's Draco Compact XV16x8 Fiber Matrix system for Dual Head display workstations delivers a Dual Head 4K KVM Matrix solution, no small feat as it "steps into an already crowded field," but the judges found this KVM to beat out some competition by being "flexible and powerful." Based on IHSE's instant switching technology, the Draco XV 4K matrix system is designed to meet the extreme bandwidth requirements for sharing multiple UHD and DCI Cinema video signals in the same switch fabric. It's a fixed size KVM system supporting up to 16 Dual Head 4K computers and 8 Dual Head 4K monitors at resolutions up to 4096x2160 60fps, and 4:4:4 color sampling on each display. Plus, for systems using extended display setting where the desktop is extended across both displays, IHSE provides internal sync for each extender, enabling perfect timing for seamless resolutions up to 8192x2160. "Good value and ease of control with native API or 3rd party control systems. The fast switching technology makes this unit stand out."



IHSE // L481-BIPVMC

"Finding a good solution for KVM in a virtual environment can be challenging, but this product answers the bell in dramatic fashion," said the judges, who found this new interface card to be "innovative." It enables users to integrate virtual machines connected by TCP/IP into existing Draco tera compact or enterprise-based Physical KVM matrix switch systems, creating a highly functional remote desktop solution with all the benefits of the Draco KVM system. The L481-BIPVMC is suited to safety-critical applications requiring extremely fast access to information. "Adding to an already robust KVM product family, this unit interfaces well with the network, with current deployments and in all varieties of command and control and NOC environments," as well as in content production, where virtualized desktops are increasingly used. In addition to allowing RDP access of remote and virtual machines, the L481-BIPVMC lets users operate secure shell sessions from the workstation to enable device management and network control, and it supports computer remote access via VNC protocol.



Klipsch Heritage // Theater Bar

This passive LCR, horn-loaded sound bar blends the acoustics and classic, nostalgic design legacy of founder Paul W. Klipsch with premium materials and the latest technologies. Assembled in the USA, the Heritage Theater Bar is "a great audio sound bar," which judges found to be a combination of sonic performance and architectural elegance. Customizable Heritage Theater Bars range in width from 49.5 to 80 inches, wood finish and grille cloth. A standard 49.5 in. model is also available and designed to match most 55in. televisions. The Heritage Theater Bar features a built-in rail mounting system that, when combined with the included wall mount cleat, results in a wall-mounting system that is only 1/4in. deep. The built-in mounting rail allows the Heritage Theater Bar to be easily centered with a wall-mounted TV. With Klipsch proprietary Tractrix horn technology and titanium tweeters, judges noted "high fidelity at its finest."



IHSE USA // L481-BIPVMC - KVM to Virtual Machine Interface

IHSE expands the successful Draco vario series with the new Draco vario L481-BIPVMC interface card. The device enables the integration of virtual machines connected by TCP/IP into existing Draco tera compact or enterprise-based Physical KVM matrix switch systems. The result is a highly functional remote desktop solution with all the benefits of the Draco KVM system. This first-ofits-kind virtual KVM solution results in a streamlined multitasking virtual environment where multiple operating systems and applications can be accessed directly from the physical consoles of the Draco KVM system.

This new device is particularly suited to control rooms with virtualized process automation, Network Operations Centers (NOC) that require real-time access to real and virtual target devices, as well as in the TV and film industry, where virtualized desktops are increasingly used. Virtualization makes KVM infrastructures simpler and more efficient, allowing applications to deploy faster while reducing costs as compared with alternative methods. The L481-BIPVMC is suited to



safety-critical applications requiring extremely fast access to information.

With the new L481-BIPVMC extender module, users can access virtual machines directly from their own KVM-connected workstations via remote desktop protocol (RDP) or perform simple PC maintenance remotely. The extensive functionality of the Draco KVM system offers options such as realtime switching; sharing; private mode; and flexible, unrestricted access to all connected computers and virtual machines. For example, companies that have different departmental or branch office applications written for different operating systems can consolidate them under one virtual server and access them all directly from the physical KVM console.

In addition to allowing RDP access of remote



and virtual machines, the L481-BIPVMC lets users operate secure shell sessions (SSH) from the workstation to enable device management and network control. The module also supports computer remote access via VNC protocol.

The L481-BIPVMC is built on a compact Draco vario design and includes thin client functionality, eliminating the need to use a separate thin client for RDP access. Using the L481-BIPVMC solution creates a more cost-effective and space-saving solution by eliminating the need for additional physical servers that are more complex and take up a lot more space.

The structure of the IHSE system management software provides unified control management for configuring the virtual network, integrated L481-BIPVMC thin client configuration, physical KVM extender configuration, and all the specific configuration needs of the KVM matrix system. The result is a simplified KVM digital control system that manages the entire virtual and physical connections in one environment.

IHSE USA // 16x8 DisplayPort 4K Dual Head KVM Matrix

IHSE's Draco Compact XV 16x8 Fiber Matrix system for Dual Head display workstations continues to advance the standard for next generation digital AV distribution, delivering the world's first Dual Head 4K KVM Matrix solution. Based on IHSE's instant switching technology, the Draco XV 4K matrix system is designed to meet the extreme bandwidth requirements for sharing multiple UHD and DCI Cinema video signals in the same switch fabric.

IHSE has been championing high performance, future-proof KVM matrix systems for nearly 35 years and now breaks new barriers in simplifying system design by offering a pre-packaged KVM matrix system for Dual-Head 4K based on DisplayPort 1.2 devices. The Draco compact XV 16x8 Fiber Matrix System is a fixed size KVM system supporting up to 16 Dual Head 4K computers and 8 Dual Head 4K monitors at resolutions up to 4096x2160 60fps, and 4:4:4 color sampling on each display. For systems using extended display setting where the desktop is extended across



both displays, IHSE provides internal synchronization for each extender enabling perfect timing for seamless resolutions up to 8192x2160.

The Draco compact XV 16X8 matrix system is specifically designed for small to mid-sized KVM switch system requiring the latest 4K ultra high resolution displays. It is a simple operation to set up and configure the matrix with the on-screen display (OSD) or through the included draco tera tool software for configuration and real-time diagnostics. For those who prefer a third party



control application, the Draco compact XV 16x8 matrix system can be configured to operate with many popular control systems using the optional IHSE API protocol package.

IHSE's Flex-port technology provides a huge time savings for system installers who normally have to pre-configure ports to specific I/O requirements. The Draco compact XV 16x8 switch system includes instant switching technology for incredible speed. Switching between sources is glitch-free and instantaneous thus reducing eye strain and annoying video tearing found with other systems. With the small footprint and ruggedized chassis design, the Draco compact XV 16x8 compact is the perfect KVM space-saving solution where centralized switching of KVM is necessary. It is especially suited for command and control, broadcast and post-production, energy management, air traffic control, simulation and visualization and other advanced venues where video-rich applications are used.

Sharp Electronics Corporation PN-UH601/701

Sharp is proud to have presented at InfoComm 2018 its line of 4K Ultra-HD commercial LCD displays, an expansion of its leading PN-LE commercial displays.





The new 70" Class (69 43/64" diagonal) PN-UH701 and 60" Class (60 5/64" diagonal) PN-UH601 commercial displays are ideal for restaurants, bars, business and retail settings looking to excel at reaching their audiences. The true-to-life precision of 4K Ultra-HD resolution enables customers to see subtler textures and finer details in photos and video.

The PN-UH701/601 displays—which premiered in March at DSE 2018—have a powerful RS-232C command set, which permits flexible remote control capabilities from connected devices. They also come with lockout capabilities including a public mode function for environments that require more control over the content, such as airports, stores and restaurants.

The displays are built with a large screen and slim bezel to ensure a pleasing appearance and minimal protruding parts, while still allowing for enhanced connectivity.

Additionally, two HDMI™ inputs allow you to connect multiple HD sources, including digital signage and cable boxes, while a built-in USB

port lets you present a variety of digital content. These models come with Sharp's Limited 3-Year Advance Exchange Commercial Warranty.

The PN-UH701 and PN-UH601 displays are a low-cost alternative to 4K Ultra-HD display options for users in the out-of-home commercial market to provide more informed, more entertained and more engaged content to their customers. They can be used in various applications, including classrooms, commercial digital signage areas and where emergency notifications are needed.

MAKING IT ULTRA HIGH DEFINITION CLEAR

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 4K UHD TVS AND 4K UHD COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

As consumer 4K TVs and commercial display products are becoming increasingly similar in design, each product has special features for specific usage. Here are the basic differences between the two:

TYPICAL 4K UHD TVS



SHARP PN-UH SERIES 4K UHD COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS





Purchased by businesses; specially engineered for use in out-of-home, commercial environments

Purchased by consumers for personal home use







Designed for commercial use with Public Mode lockout features for IR remote, power, channel, volume, input source, on-screen display and LED lights

Designed for personal home use with universal remote control and/or smartphone controls



Limited input choices, due to a need for a simple, HDMI™ or USB connection

CONNECTION

CONTENT CONTROL



Has RS-232C and LAN ports, along with a powerful command set to remotely control the display from connected devices







DESIGN & DURABILITY







Limited onboard cooling is designed for 6- to 8-hour usage and typically includes a residential 1-year limited warranty

Has adequate cooling system to handle 16/7 commercial usage and includes a commercial 3-year limited warranty



Images can "burn" on the screen if left alone for a long period of time

IMAGE RETENTION



Has proprietary Sharp technology to protect against image retention



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Kramer // PT-871/872

The Kramer PT-871 and PT-872 are a DGKat 2.0 twisted pair transmitter and receiver pair for 4K HDR, HDMI 2.0, and HDCP 2.2 signals, and 2-way powering over twisted pair. PT-871 converts all input signals into the transmitted DGKat 2.0 signal, while PT-872 converts the transmitted DGKat 2.0 signal into an HDMI signal. This compact, powerful extension solution delivers video signals up to 40m (130ft.) over Kramer Cat copper cables at up to 4K@60Hz (4:4:4) 24bpp video resolution. They support deep color, x.v.Color, lip sync, HDMI



uncompressed audio channels, Dolby TrueHD, DTS-HD, 2K, 4K, and 3D. EDID signals are passed through from the source to the display. Featuring two-way PoC powering, they require only a single twisted-pair cable for both the signal and the power. Additionally, they incorporate Kramer Intelligent EDID Processing – a handling, processing and pass-through algorithm for plug-and-play operation for the HDMI source and display systems. These features, said judges, "make it a powerful niche product."

Kramer // VS-622DT

This integrated presentation system was designed to deliver a multipurpose AV experience in a single userfriendly, cost-effective, and compact device—judges observed it had "many features that are useful in a small $meeting room\ environment. {\it 'These}\ include\ Kramer\ Maestro\ room\ automation\ software, which provides\ a\ customation\ software\ softw$ tomized, easy-to-configure, fully-automated meeting room environment, without programming. The system provides 6x2 4K60 4:2:0 HDMI/HDBaseT matrix switching and features an integrated control gateway oper-



ated over Ethernet, which can be accessed from, and provide power to, auxiliary controllers—"the ability to pair with other endpoints from Kramers catalog is a plus." It has built-in HDBaseT extension and PoE support for compatible acceptors. Audio support includes analog audio de-embedding for distant audio distribution as well as a stereo power amplifier. "A wide array of pass through control ports add to the connectivity."

Leyard and Planar // Clarity Matrix G₃

Building on the Clarity legacy, the new Matrix G3 LCD Video Wall System combines a thin profile and ultra-narrow bezel LCD (with tiled bezel widths as small as 1.7mm between adjacent LCD displays) with improvements to video processing, installation, management, and off-board electronics. Available in standard and high brightness 46in. and 55in. models, along with options for protective Planar ERO technology, passive 3D, and interactive multi-touch. It also includes the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which provides an installed depth of just 3.6 inches (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which is the panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System, which is the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), for panel-like the Planar Easy Axis Mounting System (91mm), forto-panel alignment. Planar ERO is an optically-bonded glass front that provides increased ruggedness and optical performance for public space or interactive touch applications. "A great looking video wall."



Matrox // Maevex 6120 Dual 4K Enterprise Encoder

This dual 4K enterprise encoder is the latest addition to Matrox's next-generation AV-over-IP portfolio. Leveraging the same core technology that has made the Maevex 6100 Series quad 4K enterprise encoders successful, Maevex 6120 now offers a dual 4K option. Judges saw it packaged in a convenient, rack-ready, plugand-play form factor, delivering dual 4K input capture and encode for real-time streaming and recording of up to four 4K/UHD channels at the same time. Maevex 6120 can feed cloud-based servers to reach internet viewers, push many streams on-premises over the LAN for local audiences, and record to local or network storage for later editing and viewing — all simultaneously, delivering "streaming horsepower and flexibility in a nice package." It supports the popular transport protocols for IP video streams, including the Secure Reliable Transport protocol.



Middle Atlantic Products // L7 Series Lectern

"Middle Atlantic has been a great solutions provider for high tech furniture, and this is no exception." The result of research by the company to discover unmet needs in learning spaces at the intersection of technology and furniture, the L7 Series Lectern unites the wishlist of higher education users and integrators. Judges saw "multiple uses, from a presenter's desk to a complete lectern," with a modern, curved design with motorized height-adjustability. The L7 Series Lectern boasts a generous workspace: a 61-inch by 31-inch work surface provides ample space for BYOD connectivity, wireless charging for Qi devices, and USB and AC surface power. Judges felt "the ability to accessorize that enhances the flexibility." Additional



customizations include color, rackmount storage, document camera drawers, and control panel mounting options including a turret that flush mounts Crestron 760 and 1060 models.

Peerless-AV // Smart City Kiosks

As an all weather-rated solution, judges saw this "the touch-screen kiosk we've been asking for, but haven't seen until now." It includes an Xtreme High Bright Outdoor Display with full HD1080p resolution for a crisp picture, even in direct sunlight; a 10-point IR touch overlay makes the kiosk interactive. Featuring a curved, modular design that blends into any city or town set-up, the Smart City Kiosk offers quick access to the display for maintenance. Installation requires no cranes or forklifts. Available in 49 and 55 inches, the Smart City Kiosk was designed to withstand even the most brutal gusts, handling winds up to 150 mph. Judges said they could "easily see these being deployed as way finding and information kiosks, both inside and outside, especially as it can be hosed down for cleaning."

Pro Video Instruments // VeCOAX MiniMod-2

For those looking for a "great solution to upgrade CATV distribution over legacy coax," the judges see great potential in this HDMI video to coax 1080p Dolby HD modulator, which distribute a full HDMI 1080p source to an unlimited number of devices. The VeCOAX MiniMod-2 is compatible with all standards, so it's appropriate for applications including security cameras, retail locations such as bars and restaurants, education institutions, or at any other venue where a multi-display setup is present. Users will get Full HD quality up to 1080p plus Dolby digital audio; it receives on TVs as new HDTV channels. Works with any HDMI source, and is compatible with any HD television (can also mix with existing channels, on any standard). Settings and control are done via color display, keyboard, or a computer on the computer port



RANE // Zonetech

Judges liked this multi-zone controller as "an unusually versatile and accurate control center for large, multi-source, multi-zone, remote-controlled audio installations." The Zonetech processor is powered by RANE Halogen lite control



software, which requires no programming or special driver downloads whatsoever. Judges found it quick and intuitive, meaning operators can achieve a plugand-play DSP experience and attain a fully-operational system status in less time and with greater flexibility. "The ease of install, cabling, setup, and control make this unit a must-have for sports bars, retail, or restaurant applications." The Zonetech features Bluetooth streaming technology and has six inputs and six outputs for multi-zone audio control, a big advantage for judges. "The addition of Bluetooth connectivity allows this box to join others at the top of the class."

Ross Video // Carbonite Mosaic

Judges described this innovative new compositing tool as "broadcast video wall control brought to a new level" Built on the Carbonite Black Plus engine, it can output a canvas size of more than 20 million pixels. It provides the high resolution and layering capability needed to create large-screen imagery in entertainment and sports venues, and at a comparatively low price. This system's single frame latency ensures video content keeps up with the live action. The combination of Carbonite Mosaic and XPression Tessera come together for composited video and graphics on the big screen -- in tandem, the XPression Tessera system provides frame-accurate, non-tearing recall of graphics across large or irregular assembled display panels.



RTS // ODIN OMNEO

This next-generation intercom matrix combines flexibility, scalability, and full-IP performance in a compact single rack unit package and judges liked the way it provides for easy system expansion. With connectors for OMNEO IP technology, analog two-wire and four-wire, ODIN supports IP-based ROAMEO wireless systems and KP-Series keypanels, and analog RTS legacy keypanels. Dante-enabled OMNEO is standard on RJ-45 connectors, or is available using optional optical fiber connectors. Users can flexibly define ports to use any of the available connector types. As a user's capacity needs evolve, a single ODIN can grow from the basic 16 ports to a maximum of 128 ports; up to eight ODIN units can be connected via an optical Inter-Frame Link to create a single matrix with up to 1024 ports.



Samsung // The Wall Professional

"The MicroLED world is the 'next big thing,' and this product brings it to life." It can extend to hundreds of inches in size while delivering dramatic brightness, contrast and viewing angles. Business-ready with a modular design that allows customized configurations beyond or below its 146-inch size standard, users can add or remove unlimited LED screens to and from The Wall Professional without impacting perfor $mance\ or\ presentation\ quality.\ The\ display's\ self-emitting\ MicroLED\ pixel\ modules\ produce\ imagery\ free\ of\ modules\ produce\ magery\ free\ of\ modules\ produce\ modules\ produce\ magery\ free\ of\ modules\ produce\ produce$ color filters or backlighting and judges described an enveloping experience through elevated peak brightness and a high contrast ratio. "Offboard video controller, ultra-thin display modules, and flexible layout options" are some of the key factors judges found set this technology apart.



Sharp // PN-UH601/701

Sharp showed its newest line of 4K Ultra-HD commercial LCD displays, an expansion of its PN-LE commercial displays, at InfoComm. The new 70in. class (69 43/64 inches diagonal) PN-UH701 and 60in. class (60 5/64 inches diagonal) PN-UH601 commercial displays offer 4K Ultra-HD resolution, which enables customers to see subtler textures and finer details in photos and video, a claim confirmed by judges: "The demo display looked great, great depth and clarity." The PN-UH701/601 displays have an RS-232C command set that permits flexible remote control capabilities from connected devices. They also come with lockout capabilities, including a public mode function for environments that require more control over the content, like airports, stores, and restaurants.



DVIGear HyperLight® Series // **DisplayPort Active Optical Cables**

DVIGear's HyperLight® Series is a new generation of advanced Active Optical Cables (AOC) that employs cutting edge technology to deliver unprecedented resolution, performance and value.

The DVI-26xxx-AOC Series supports DisplayPort 1.4, providing a wide range of resolutions and features in a lightweight formfactor. Attractively priced, they are fully HDCP 1.4 / 2.2 compliant. They transport signals with data rates up to 32.4 Gbps. (HBR3) and support bidirectional communication over AUX channels for EDID, HDCP, and Link Training. HyperLight cables support very high resolution applications at 4K / 60Hz (4:4:4) with cable lengths from 3 to 100 meters, and 8K/30Hz (4:4:4) at lengths up to 50 meters.

HyperLight cables are plenum-rated (UL CMP-OF). Constructed using a hybrid design of four POF (Polyfluorinated Optical Fiber) and six copper wires, they are rugged, yet lightweight, compact and highly flexible, with a minimum bend radius of just two millimeters. Each cable has two detachable DisplayPort docking connectors that, once removed, reveal connector cross-sections that measure just 10 by 12.4 millimeters. The docking connectors include a locking pin for added security. Professional integrators will appreciate the ease of installation in narrow conduits as well as in plenum spaces. HyperLight cables utilize an advanced low-power design that draws power from the connected DisplayPort source, completely eliminating the need for an external power supply.

These cables are designed for use in mission-critical applications where image quality and dependability are paramount. The video signals are transmitted over the four optical fibers, making them immune to interference from environmental noise. The optical transmission path provides a very low RFI / EMI profile, which allows the cables to be installed in sensitive applications with strict security requirements. DVIGear's HyperLight AOC cables are ideally suited for all applications that require ultra-high resolution DisplayPort signals to be extended over long cable runs with flawless image quality.

- *Lightweight, compact, flexible, Plenum-rated Active Optical Cables (AOC)
- *Effortless plug & play technology, supports DisplayPort versions 1.0 - 1.4, as well as HDCP 1.4 / 2.2
- *Supports data rates up to 8.1 Gbps/lane or 32.4 Gbps total
- *Extend resolutions up to 8K / 30 Hz up to 164 ft. (50 meters); up to 4K / 60Hz up to 328 ft. (100 meters)
- *Detachable DisplayPort docking connectors can be secured with locking pin
- * Powered by the DisplayPort source; no power adapter needed
- *Supports bidirectional communications over AUX channel for EDID, HDCP, Link Training, etc.
- *Low RFI / EMI profile for sensitive applications
- * Custom cable lengths available on request









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The DN-200 Series is a dramatic extension of the DisplayNet® AV-over-IP product line. It leverages the latest SDVoE technology to distribute AV signals with resolutions up to 4K /60p over 10GbE Ethernet without any frame latency. The DN-200 Series adds support for HDMI 2.0 with up to 12-bit color, HDCP 2.2, DisplayPort 1.2, and High Speed USB 2.0. A high-performance scaler in both the Tx and Rx enables Fast Switching, MultiViewer, and Enhanced Video Wall processing.

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Shure // Designer 3.1

A software update that "provides enhanced features and flexibility," this updated Designer System Configuration Software enables integrators, designers, and sales teams to create projects with multiple "virtual" microphones positioned over an imported room layout diagram – offline and from anywhere, without access to physical devices. The latest version provides improved workflow efficiency to configure multiple Shure products both online and offline. Think of it as one place to design, route, and configure Shure systems, giving you a better chance to determine the right device type and accurate microphone count without physically being in the space. Judges predict "it is going to be essential to configure microphone and frequencies."



Snap AV // Episode 70V IP-Enabled Amplifier

An IP-controllable amp with an included cloud-managed platform, the Episode 70V IP-Enabled Amplifier is, at its core, "a quality and practical amplifier in a nice package," according to judges. Users can audio routing, input gain and output levels, and a wide variety of amplifier network settings remotely, with the help of OvrC, a free cloudcontrol app. OvrC provides remote access to the local UI, to update firmware, modulate the amplifier gain, select inputs, set clipping levels, power-cycle the unit, or check the status and temperature of devices. Available in 150W, 300W, and 500W 2-channel options, this innovative amplifier can be controlled via any of the popular control systems over IR, IP, and RS-232.



Vanguard // LED Displays Axion Fine Pixel Pitch LED Video Displays

Judges see the U.S. homebase of Vanguard as being one of the key advantages to this new display, noting that "TAA compliance will open doors that some manufacturers struggle with, making it a niche solution for federal and DOD applications." Beyond its origins, the Axion Series provides a neat package, in a cabinet featuring a flat back with no external cables (ideal for wall-mounted applications), and it is fully front serviceable. The Axion cabinet features touch screen integration, and



has added TOP VCOB- Vanguard Chip-On-Board technology to protect individual LEDs, in particular the vul-

nerable corners. The Axion can achieve full HD, 4K, and 8K, with additional support for 3D, and it supports 24-bit color processing and a refresh rate of 3840hz.







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ViewSonic CDX5562 Commercial Display

For multi-panel video wall applications that require a "great looking display" that is "bright and crisp," this 55-inch display with an ultra-narrow bezel made the grade. With an edge-to-edge width of 1.8mm between combined displays, and the DisplayPort or DVI connectors, installers can create impressive daisy-chain installations for up to 10x10 tiling options. Plus, only one of the displays needs to be connected to an image/content source, so installation and maintenance costs are reduced. An HDMI CEC function offers local control to a DVD player, sound systems, and any other HDMI-connected devices. Full HD 1080p resolution, 700-nits of brightness, dual 10W stereo speakers, and wide viewing angles of 178-degrees horizontal/vertical.



Williams AV Pointmaker Audio Presenter

This presentation system adds sound reinforcement and audio conferencing with a simple connection and rated a "can't live without," designation from judges. As the hub, Audio Presenter leverages each room's microphones, speakers, and each participant's personal device, turning any iOS or Android mobile device into a wireless room-control system-



-control, advance, highlight, annotate, and white-board, all via wireless Bluetooth connection from your personal device. "The ability to connect any user's audio device to any output without worrying about what wires or adapters are needed makes this box a must-have in every meeting room, conference room or training/classroom." Based on a 64-bit quad-core ARM processing platform, the system brings broadcast-quality video and professional audio to a wireless room design. Can be used as a standalone system or as part of a larger, integrated venue.

Yamaha RIVAGE PM7 Digital Audio Console

Making its InfoComm debut, the Yamaha RIVAGE PM7 Digital Audio Console was on display along with new high capacity cards. The CSD-R7 Digital Mixing Console is the central component of the RIVAGE PM7 system, with an emphasis on preserving workflow. The CSD-R7 features a built-in DSP engine and offers enhanced portability and system flexibility while maintaining high operability. The panel layout of the RIVAGE PM7 is the same as the flagship RIVAGE PM10, delivering the same user experience. With 120 input channels, 60 mix



buses, 24 matrices, and a comprehensive selection of 48 top-quality plug-ins, the PM7 provides mixing capacity that is comparable to the RIVAGE PM10 (the latter has 144 input channels, 72 mix buses, 36 matrices, and 50 plug-ins). So, what it comes down to are your system requirements, and judges saw the Rivage as adaptable to each user's particular needs.





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