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**TIPPINGPOINT NAMED A TOP TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR BY
VARBUSINESS MAGAZINE**

The TippingPoint™ X505 Wins for Best Security

AUSTIN, TX. – Oct. 24, 2006 –TippingPoint, a division of 3Com and the leader in intrusion prevention, today announced it has been recognized by *VARBusiness* magazine for outstanding achievement in technology and security innovation. The TippingPoint X505 integrated security appliance was named winner in the security category of the *VARBusiness* Tech Innovators award competition.

The TippingPoint X505 was among nearly 700 entries submitted in 14 technology categories. *VARBusiness* magazine, which covers the business of technology integration, honored TippingPoint at an awards ceremony held October 23, 2006, in Huntington Beach, California. In addition, the company will be recognized in the December 4 *VARBusiness* Tech Innovators issue, which will include profiles, features, and in-depth descriptions of the winning technologies and products.

“Innovations like what we’ve seen from TippingPoint demonstrate the vibrancy and vitality of the industry,” says *VARBusiness* Editor Lawrence M. Walsh. “They represent breakthroughs that will benefit our solution-provider readers and, in turn, the users of technology.”

“We are honored to receive this award from such an esteemed publication,” said Greg Fitzgerald, TippingPoint vice president of marketing. “TippingPoint has a legacy of innovation by launching the industry’s first intrusion prevention system (IPS) in 2002. We have continued to innovate with key features such as Phishing and Spyware

protection, voice over IP security, and Quarantine capabilities. The X505 is the industry's first multi-function security device built on IPS technology, enabling total packet flow inspection to block malicious traffic, throttle non-essential traffic, and prioritize mission-critical traffic. It also includes firewall, VPN, content filtering, and IP multi-casting capabilities."

The underlying architecture of the TippingPoint X505 is the award-winning TippingPoint Intrusion Prevention System, which blocks a plethora of worms, viruses, Trojans, Denial of Service attacks, Spyware, Phishing, VoIP threats and other attacks. The TippingPoint X505 is regularly updated with preemptive vulnerability and zero day threat protection through the TippingPoint Digital Vaccine[®] service.

About VARBusiness Magazine

For the past 19 years, *VARBusiness*' strategic resources have been the gateway to the Solution Provider community. *VARBusiness* provides strategic insight for technology integrators through industry-defining research, in-depth editorial, channel events and innovative Web services, enabling these IT professionals to make educated decisions for their businesses, partnerships and customers. *VARBusiness* has been the recipient of numerous industry awards for both editorial content and design. Additional information about *VARBusiness* products, events and services, is available at its Web site, www.varbusiness.com.

About TippingPoint, a division of 3Com

TippingPoint, a division of 3Com, is the leading provider of network-based intrusion prevention systems. The TippingPoint IPS is the most decorated in its industry. For a full list of awards, visit http://www.tippingpoint.com/products_certifications.html. Our innovative approach offers customers unmatched network-based security with ultra-high performance, scalability and reliability. TippingPoint is based in Austin, Texas, and can be contacted through its Web site at www.tippingpoint.com or by telephone at 1-888-TRUE-IPS.

About 3Com Corporation

3Com Corporation (NASDAQ: COMS) is a leading provider of secure, converged voice and data networking solutions for enterprises of all sizes. 3Com offers a broad line of innovative products backed by world class sales, service and support, which excel at delivering business value for its customers. Through its TippingPoint division, 3Com is the leading provider of network-based intrusion prevention systems that deliver in-depth application protection, infrastructure protection, and performance protection. 3Com also is the majority owner of Huawei-3Com Co., Ltd. (H-3C), a China-based joint venture formed by 3Com and Huawei in November 2003. H-3C brings innovative and cost-effective product development and manufacturing and a strong footprint in one of the

world's most dynamic markets. For further information, please visit www.3com.com, or the press site www.3com.com/pressbox.

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