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## **Luxtera Named as Finalist for the San Diego AeA High Tech Awards**

*Recognized for breakthrough advancements in CMOS Photonics*

**San Diego – September 27, 2007** – [Luxtera Inc.](#), the world leader in CMOS Photonics, today announced it is a finalist for the 2007 San Diego AeA High Tech Award. Chosen for its breakthrough technology in CMOS photonics, Luxtera is the first company to successfully overcome the complex technical obstacles involved with integrating high-performance optics directly with silicon electronics on a monolithic CMOS chip, which resulted in the world's first commercial CMOS Photonics product.

Each year, the San Diego chapter of the AeA, the nation's largest high-tech industry association, recognizes local technology companies for their achievements in technological innovation, civic contributions and industry accomplishment. Marking the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the awards, this year's finalists will be judged by a cross-section of local technology leaders.

"Luxtera has overcome significant obstacles and demonstrated remarkable leadership in advancing CMOS Photonics industry, and introducing the industry's first 40G optical active cable," said Kevin Carroll, AeA executive director. "They are a perfect example of the high caliber technology companies in San Diego that deserve to be recognized for their continuous technological contribution to the community."

"This announcement comes at an exciting time for Luxtera, as our first product comes to market," said Marek Tlalka, vice president of marketing for Luxtera. "Being named a finalist for this award further validates our technological innovation achievements, and to be mentioned among the top high tech companies in San Diego is an extraordinary honor."

Winners of this year's awards will be announced on October 19 at the Hilton Torrey Pines in La Jolla, with more than 500 technology executives expected to be in attendance. Additional information about the San Diego AeA Council and the 2007 High Tech Awards can be found at: <http://www.aeanet.org/AeACouncils/SDCouncilStart.asp>.

### **About AeA**

AeA, founded in 1943, is a nationwide non-profit trade association that represents all segments of the technology industry and is dedicated solely to helping our members' top line and bottom line. We do this in partnership with our small, medium, and large member companies by lobbying governments at the state, federal, and international levels, providing access to capital and business opportunities, and offering select business services and networking programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeanet.org>.

**About Luxtera**

Luxtera, Inc. is a fabless semiconductor company and the world leader in silicon photonics. Luxtera fulfills the world's insatiable demand for bandwidth by uniting the high performance of fiber-optic communications with the low-cost and high-volume manufacturing advantages of mainstream silicon CMOS fabrication. The company was founded in 2001 by a team of industry-renowned researchers and technology managers drawn from the communication and semiconductors industries. Luxtera is funded by leading venture capitalists: Sevin Rosen Funds, August Capital and New Enterprise Associates. Luxtera just announced its first commercial product based on its CMOS Photonics technology, Blazar, and will begin shipping later this year. Luxtera is headquartered in Carlsbad, CA. More information on Luxtera can be found on the company's web site: [www.luxtera.com](http://www.luxtera.com).

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