IEEE GOLD 10th Anniversary Online Challenge Rules

- 1. This contest is sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. ("IEEE"), located at 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08855.
- 2. **Agreement:** The IEEE requires that all participants in the GOLD 10th Anniversary Online Challenge <u>http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/gold/anniversary.html</u> (referred to as the "challenge" or "contest" below) adhere to the following rules and regulations (the "Rules"). No purchase necessary to enter or win. The act of entering the contest constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of the Rules and the decisions of IEEE and the contest judge(s). IEEE reserves the right to revise these Rules at any time. Participants are deemed to be apprised of and bound by any changes to these Rules.
- 3. Eligibility: The contest is open to all IEEE full-privileged members (including the following membership grades: Student Members, Members, Senior Members, Fellows, Life Members) with the exception of IEEE Affiliate Members, IEEE staff, members of the IEEE GOLD 10th Anniversary Celebration Project Team, and members of the IEEE Regional Activities Board GOLD Committee. Limit one (1) entry per eligible participant. In the event that an eligible participant submits more than one (1) entry, only the earliest entry will qualify. Only individual, eligible participants are permitted to submit an entry and to receive a prize.
- 4. Contest: The contest will start at 12:00 pm (GMT) on October 20, 2006 and end at 12:00 pm (GMT) on October 29, 2006 (the "Contest Period"). All entries received outside of the Contest Period will be void. All entries submitted during the Contest Period with required personal information and filled-in answers are deemed eligible. Each successfully submitted entry will be time-stamped electronically as the entry is received. A participant's IEEE Region will be determined by his/her mailing address in the corresponding IEEE membership profile. Answers to all clues can be located in the IEEE website located at www.ieee.org/gold.

5. Winners:

• **Grand Prize:** There will be a total of ten (10) grand prizes, one for each of the ten (10) IEEE Regions. The winner of each grand prize for each Region will be randomly selected from the first ten (10) completely correct, eligible entries received from participants located in each Region, based on the time-stamped submission times of such eligible entries within the Contest Period. If there is more than one (1) but less than ten (10) completely correct, eligible entries submitted during the Contest Period for a particular IEEE Region, only the completely correct, eligible entries will qualify for the draw for that Region. If there is no completely correct, eligible entry received during the Contest Period from a particular IEEE Region, the first ten (10) eligible entries received from participants located in such Region, based on the time-stamped submission times of such entries, will qualify for the Grand Prize draw for that Region, whether they are completely correct or not. The odds of winning a grand prize depend on the number of completely correct or other entries received during the Contest Period from each IEEE Region but cannot be less than 10%.

- Early-Bird Prize: There will be a total of ten (10) early-bird prizes, one for each of the ten (10) IEEE Regions. The winner of each early-bird prize for each Region will be the participant who is the first to submit a completely correct, eligible entry, based on the time-stamped submission time of his or her entry relative to the entries of other participants. If there is no completely correct, eligible entry received during the Contest Period from a particular IEEE Region, the first eligible entry received from a participant located in such Region, based on the time-stamped submission times of such entry, will win the early-bird prize for that Region, whether it is completely correct or not. The odds of winning an early-bird prize depend on the speed with which a participant is able to compile a completely correct or other entry and submit it to the IEEE in accordance with these Rules.
- **Bonus Prize:** There will be a total of ten (10) bonus prizes. All participants who use an IEEE email alias to submit their eligible entry, whether that entry is completely correct or not, irrespective of IEEE Region, will be eligible to win one of ten (10) bonus prizes, to be selected at random from the pool of all eligible entries received from participants using an IEEE email alias. The odds of winning a bonus prize depend on the number of eligible entries received from participants using an IEEE email alias.
- **Prize Limits:** Except as specified above in this paragraph 5, there shall be no limits on the number of prizes that a participant may win within an IEEE region. Specifically, all participants within an IEEE Region who otherwise qualify to win a prize are eligible to win a Grand Prize, an Early Bird Prize and a Bonus Prize.
- 6. Prizes:
 - Grand Prize: MP3 Player
 - Early-Bird Prize: USB Flash Wristband
 - Bonus Prize: IEEE T-Shirt

- 7. Notification: Winners will be contacted by email. If IEEE is unable to contact a winner within fourteen (14) days after such original winner was notified of his or her prize, another replacement winner for the particular prize at issue will be chosen in the manner contemplated by paragraph 5 from the remaining eligible entries from which the original winning entry was selected or received.
- Release: Prior to receiving his or her prize, each winner will verify via email response confirming compliance with these Rules and consenting to the use of his / her name and photograph, without further compensation, in any publicity disseminated by IEEE and in response to inquiries received in accordance with paragraph 11 below.
- 9. Privacy: IEEE will maintain the confidentiality of all user communications that contain participant information and shall not disseminate such communications or the information contained in them publicly. All information received from participants in the contest shall be treated in accordance with IEEE's privacy policy available at http://www.ieee.org/web/publications/rights/privacy.html
- 10. IEEE's Discretion: IEEE reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend or terminate this contest and award prizes from entries received up to time of termination or suspension should virus, bugs or other causes beyond IEEE's control, unauthorized human intervention, malfunction, interruption, computer problem, phone line or network hardware or software malfunction, which, in the sole opinion of IEEE, corrupts, compromises or materially affects the administration, fairness, security or proper play of this contest or proper submission of entries. IEEE is not liable for any loss, injury or damage caused, whether directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from downloading data or otherwise participating to this contest. All decisions made by IEEE concerning the contest and these Rules shall be final.
- 11. **Other:** All decisions of the contest judge(s) are final. This Contest shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, United States of America, exclusive of choice-of-law principles. IEEE reserves the right to cancel or modify these Rules at any time without notice to participants. All prizes must be accepted as awarded, are non-transferable and are not convertible to cash. IEEE reserves the right to substitute any prize or portion of a prize with a prize of equal or greater value. All prizes are awarded as-is, and no warranties or guarantees are implied or expressed, beyond the standard manufacturer's warranty. In the event that the prize is returned as undeliverable, the prize will be forfeited and a replacement prize will awarded in the manner contemplated by paragraphs 7 and 5 above.

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To obtain the names of the contest winners, send a stamped, selfaddressed envelope to IEEE Contest Winners, c/o the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., located at 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08855. All requests must be received by 31 December 2006.