

# Ribbon's Analytics and Security Solutions Platform Ribbon Protect Wins Gold Stevie® Award in 2019 International Business Awards®

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WESTFORD, Mass., Aug. 20, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Ribbon Communications Inc. (Nasdaq: RBBN), a global software leader in secure and intelligent cloud communications, today announced that its analytics and security solutions software platform, Ribbon Protect was named the winner of a Gold Stevie® award for Telecommunications Product in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Business Awards®.



"Ribbon Protect supports security, operations and monetization applications. The analytics portfolio provides our carrier and enterprise customers valuable insights, visibility and security for their networks and customers, and we're proud to have won this award," said Kevin Riley, Ribbon's Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President of Advanced Research and Development. "I want to thank the entire team for their tireless work in building, refining and innovating this software platform -- this was very much a group effort!"

Bad actors are leveraging Unified Communications (UC) networks as vectors for attacks including toll fraud, telephony denial of service (T-DoS), and robo-calls. The Ribbon Protect platform, and the security applications that run on it, provide carriers and enterprises with a network-wide behavioral analytics solution, enabling them to accurately block these attacks and disseminate security policies across network "enforcers" including session border controllers (SBCs) and firewalls.

The analytics portfolio and Ribbon Protect platform provide a single view of the end-to-end communications network for operators to intelligently report and track network usage and troubleshoot network issues. The ability to collapse multiple IT network tools into a single platform enables network owners to lower their capital and operational costs while increasing customer satisfaction with higher levels of network quality.

Stevie Award winners were determined by the average scores of more than 250 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process from May through early August 2019. Judges' comments on Ribbon's submission included "The power of the product plus the single end-to-end view of network operations is outstanding," and "Great way to protect consumers from data breaches, but also offers a cost-effective way to do it."

The International Business Awards are the world's premier business awards program. All individuals and organizations worldwide – public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small — are eligible to submit nominations. The 2019 IBAs received entries from organizations in 74 nations and territories.

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Stevie Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 nominations each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at <a href="https://www.stevieAwards.com">www.stevieAwards.com</a>.

#### **About Ribbon Communications**

Ribbon Communications delivers market-leading software solutions that secure and power many of the world's leading service provider and enterprise communications environments. Built on world-class technology and intellectual property, the company's cloud-native solutions deliver intelligent and secure real-time communications solutions for the cloud, network and enterprise edge. Ribbon's <a href="Kandy">Kandy</a> Cloud real-time communications software platform delivers advanced and embedded CPaaS and UCaaS capabilities enabling service providers to rapidly create and deploy high-value communications services. To learn more, visit ribboncommunications.com.

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