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MISSION CRITICAL PARTNERS IS TECHQUEST'S GROWTH COMPANY OF THE YEAR!

STATE COLLEGE, PA— Mission Critical Partners, Inc. (MCP), a Ben Franklin Technology Partners/CNP portfolio company, took home the prize for Growth Company of the Year at last Friday's 19th Annual Technology Awards Gala. The event, www.tccp.org which was held at the Whitaker Center for the Arts and Sciences in Harrisburg, PA, was attended by nearly 300 of the state's technology leaders.

Accepting the award was MCP Senior Vice President, Brian Bark. "At Mission Critical Partners we 'partner' with clients and staff to deliver innovative public safety solutions nationwide. It is with the help of our first 'partner,' Ben Franklin, and their help from the beginning, that MCP is able to accept this award."

Mission Critical Partners, Inc. (MCP) is an emergency communications, public safety and information technology consultative integration firm serving mission critical clients throughout North America. MCP's mission is to support life safety communications clients through improved policy, systems and processes. With a staff of 24, MCP's team includes former public safety managers, project management professionals (PMPs), emergency number professionals (ENPs) and technology, forensic and policy specialists. MCP service areas include: Executive Consulting/Master Planning; Next-Generation 9-1-1 Services; Facility/Technology Integration; Broadband Deployment; Consolidation Services; Emergency Management Communications; Land Mobile Radio; and Forensics/Systems Analysis. Headquartered in State College, PA, MCP also has offices in Harrisburg, PA and Southlake, TX. Additional information about MCP is available at www.mcp911.com.

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Photo Caption: Pam Martin, of Ben Franklin Technology Partners/CNP hands Brian Bark, of Mission Critical Partners, Inc. the 2011 TECHQuest Growth Company of the Year Award. TECHQuest CEO, Kelly Lewis stands in the background.

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