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**HME's PRO850 Named Sound Product of the Year
by *Entertainment Design Magazine***

San Diego, CA — HME's PRO850 Wireless Intercom System was recently named one of the Sound Products of the Year by *Entertainment Design* magazine. The PRO850 was one of five sound products chosen from thousands of products introduced in 2003 for this prestigious award.

Introduced last Fall, the PRO850 allows production crew members to easily communicate with their manager and each other via wireless, lightweight belt-pacs — without the hassle of dragging cables around. The PRO850 is used mainly by sound professionals in theatres and television broadcast companies; but its application also spans to the military, aerospace, stadium/concert events, churches, touring companies, schools, and other industrial companies.

This coveted Sound Products of the Year Award has been around for nearly a decade, when *Entertainment Design* magazine was formerly known as *Theatre Crafts International*. "Our goal is always to pick the best new audio products designed to make lives easier for theatre sound designers," said David Johnson, Editor of *Entertainment Design* magazine.

The five Sound Products of the Year were selected by a panel of theatrical and entertainment industry experts from around the world. "The more we use it, the more we like it," commented the judges. "[Party line] communication between belt-pacs is a god-send." The PRO850 and other winners will be featured in the February 2004 issue of *Entertainment Design* and will be formally honored at the annual EDDY Awards, to be held in New York City in June 2004. Other recipients include the Aviom Personal Monitor Mixing System, the Meyer Sound UPJ-1P Compact VariO Loudspeaker, the Trantec S6000 Wireless System, and the Yamaha DM1000 Digital Mixing Console.

"HME is incredibly honored to receive this award," said J. Michael Hughes, General Manager of HME's Pro Audio Division. "We're extremely pleased that the PRO850 has impressed even the toughest critics in the pro-audio industry."

About Entertainment Design magazine

For the past 37 years, *Entertainment Design* (evolving from *Theatre Crafts* to *Theatre Crafts International* to *TCI* to *Entertainment Design*) has served the North American and international theatre community with professionalism, comprehensiveness, and wit. *Entertainment Design* strives to deliver thorough coverage of the latest in theatre design and technological advances from around the world. For more information about *Entertainment Design* magazine's 2004 sound products of the year, please call (212) 204-1819 or logon www.entertainmentdesignmag.com.

About HME

HME is a leading provider of customer-focused solutions to enhance the performance and productivity of businesses in a variety of markets. Incorporated in 1971, HME was a pioneer in the development of the first intercom system for the pro-audio industry. From communications to entertainment, security to pedestrian tracking, HME's wireless and digital innovations are transforming many industries, including pro-audio, quick service restaurants, casinos and retail. As a privately held company, HME develops and delivers a comprehensive line of customer-driven solutions to over 80 countries worldwide. For more information about the PRO850, please call (800) 542-3332 or logon www.HMEPRO850.com.

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