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## **STOC and S<sup>3</sup>IP name region's technology leaders**

BINGHAMTON, NY – The New York State Center of Excellence in Small Scale Systems Integration and Packaging (S3IP) at Binghamton University and the Southern Tier Opportunity Coalition (STOC) honored four individuals for promoting economic development in the Southern Tier.

James Wilcox, Senior Technical Staff Member, IBM Corporation, was recognized as Technology Leader of the Year for his efforts in shaping the technology community through leadership in electronics packaging.

K. Srihari, Distinguished Professor and Dean, Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science, Binghamton University, was recognized Technology Innovation Mentor/Educator of the Year for his significant impacts on the Watson School, Binghamton University, and the technology community at large.

Michael Pentaris, President and CEO, Custom Electronics, was recognized as Entrepreneur of the Year for her contributions to the growth of dynamic, high technology business in upstate New York State.

Joseph H Boyer, President, Innovation Associates, received the STOC/S3IP Lifetime Achievement in Technology Innovation award.

Awards were announced at the S3IP Annual Dinner on November 9, 2011. The dinner featured remarks by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Assemblyman Clifford Crouch. Binghamton University's Interim Vice President for Research and S3IP Director, Bahgat Sammakia, provided an update on S3IP activities. Diana Bendz, President, STOC, presented the technology innovation awards.

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