Press Release



Red Lion Controls Named a "First Team Supplier" by Automation World Magazine Awarded First Team Status in Three Different Categories for Red Lion, Sixnet and N-Tron

York, Pa. – January 17, 2012 – Red Lion Controls, the global experts in communication, monitoring and control for <u>industrial automation</u>, today announced that that the readers of *Automation World* magazine have named Red Lion a "First Team Supplier" in the publication's "Leadership in Automation 2011" program. The honorees will be formally announced in the January print edition of *Automation World* and on AutomationWorld.com.

Red Lion was named a First Team Supplier in three different categories for its industrial control products, as well as for industrial networking products from recently-acquired Sixnet and N-Tron businesses. The awards and categories include:

- Data Acquisition Hardware (Red Lion)
- Data Acquisition Hardware (Sixnet)
- Networking Components Ethernet (N-Tron)
- Networking Components Wireless (N-Tron)

The honorees were selected based on online voting through the "Leadership in Automation" (LIA) section of the *Automation World* website, as well as an email poll conducted over the past year.

"The First Team honorees offer outstanding examples of innovation and service. Chosen by their customers, we applaud these leaders and thank them for the inspiration and example they provide to the industrial automation community," said Jim Chrzan, publisher of *Automation World*. "Congratulations to them, and thank you to all the end users who lent their voices to this program."

In October 2011, Red Lion acquired Sixnet, a New York-based manufacturer of industrial Ethernet switch, automation and wireless solutions. Approximately one year earlier, the company also acquired N-Tron, a manufacturer of rugged industrial networking components, based in Alabama.

"Being named a First Team Supplier by Automation World is a testament to the strength of our industrial-grade product portfolio," said Mike Granby, president of Red Lion Controls. "The combination of Red Lion, Sixnet and N-Tron allows us to create a wide range of flexible industrial automation solutions for customers worldwide, and the future looks bright for our combined organization."

About Red Lion Controls

As the global experts in communication, monitoring and control for industrial automation, Red Lion has been delivering innovative solutions to customers for forty years. Our award-winning technology enables companies worldwide to gain real-time data visibility that drives productivity. Product brands include Red Lion, Sixnet and N-Tron. With headquarters in York, Pennsylvania, the company has offices across the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe. For more information, please visit www.redlion.net. Red Lion is a Spectris company.

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