

AVD Australia an Outstanding Winner in the CEDIA Electronic Lifestyles® Award 2009

AVD Australia has won two awards in this year's CEDIA 2009 Awards – Winner of Best Project Design and Documentation and Winner of Best Integrated Home Installation over \$300,000 as well as being given a High Commended in Best Integrated Home Installation under \$150,000 category.

AVD won both awards for its unique, state-of-the-art "Energy-Efficient Residence" which was specifically designed to reduce power consumption and optimize efficiency. From conceptualization and design, through to installation and commissioning, AVD provided a fully integrated and customized system.

The energy-efficient residence is built around a central atrium that spans five floors and features a motorized glass roof. The roof automatically opens and closes depending on external climatic conditions and internal temperature, while also allowing natural light to enter the building. Automated louvers located throughout the house are also adjustable.

In front of 300 industry representatives, international guests, family and friends, AVD Australia beat a highly competitive

field in two categories, in what was described as "the best example of entrants ever."

CEDIA Asia Pacific Executive Director Stephen Miller said: "This year we doubled the amount of entrants for the awards (82) which address 13 categories. AVD Australia is a worthy winner of these two awards, which were judged by a panel of Australian and overseas industry experts. "It's a great example of how this industry has matured over the years and what amazing skills our members contribute to custom electronic installations in the home." www.avd.com.au



Lutron Electronics Announces Lighting Control System Access Via Apple® iPhone™ and iPod® Touch Devices

Lighting control manufacturer Lutron Electronics has announced that its HomeWorks® whole-home lighting control system can now be accessed and controlled via Apple® iPhone™ and iPod® Touch devices. A free application software can be downloaded from the iTunes® App Store, which allows users to control HomeWorks System over a Wi-Fi network with the convenience of an iPhone or iPod Touch.

A key feature of the Lutron HomeWorks Light Control application is that configuration takes place automatically by using the information stored in the HomeWorks System. This application enables users to control all their home lights and shades with iPhone or iPod Touch via a Wi-Fi connection just like using a regular remote control.

HomeWorks System provides integrated control of a home's light switches, dimmers and electronic shades from wall-stations or hand-held remote controls, regardless of home size. All shades, dimmers and switches in the system can be controlled individually or can operate together at the touch of a button according to preset scenes for different activities such as party, movie or dinner. For example, lights can be turned on to 75% brightness in the living room, 65% in the

kitchen and 50% in the dining room, while turning lights off in areas like the master bedroom or other rooms without any activities going on, by simply pressing designated buttons on Lutron keypads and remote controls or an icon on the Apple iPhone and iPod Touch.

HomeWorks system can also be integrated with other systems including audio/video products, fire and security systems. The living room lights can be turned into a home theatre setting in seconds or light an escape path in case of fire or even flash to alert others in case of an intrusion. www.lutron.com/asia 

