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***Mass High Tech Names Kiva CEO Mick Mountz as a 2011 “MHT All-Star”***

*Mountz Honored as a Tech Luminary of New England’s Innovation Economy in 2011*

BOSTON – August 31, 2011 – *Mass High Tech*, The Voice of New England Innovation, today announced that Mick Mountz, chief executive officer of [Kiva Systems](http://www.kivasystems.com), is among the recipients of the publication’s 2011 All-Stars Awards. The All-Stars Awards recognize 15 driven and influential leaders of New England’s innovation economy. This is the 16th year of the awards program — and the first time the awards are being combined with the Rising Stars honorees by the *Boston Business Journal*.

The 2011 Mass High Tech All-Stars honorees represent a broad range of technology and service sectors, including robotics, software, economic development, ecommerce, entrepreneurship, medical devices and cleantech. They were selected from more than 100 nominees recommended by the technology community.

“These All-Stars have a proven record in leading not only their own companies but in helping their respective industries thrive,” said *Mass High Tech* publisher Douglas Banks. “By combining this year’s awards program with the *BBJ’s* Rising Stars in Business, we are offering our All-Stars another opportunity for mentorship while giving the younger generation access to innovative role models.”

Kiva uses hundreds of mobile-robotic drive units that bring inventory on mobile shelves directly to workers, allowing easy and efficient access to all inventory items at all times. Unlike traditional automation such as conveyor, carousel and AS/RS, Kiva can handle products of all shapes and sizes, and automatically brings products to operators eliminating wasteful time spent walking the warehouse floor. Kiva is a complete order fulfillment solution that encompasses inventory control, forward replenishment, picking, packing, shipping sortation, finishing and quality assurance to simultaneously improve fulfillment center productivity, speed, accuracy and flexibility.

“It’s great to be listed alongside the area’s innovative technology movers-and-shakers, and a direct reflection on the accomplishments of our talented employees and leadership team,” said Mick Mountz. “New England is indeed the ideal setting for a fast growing tech company like Kiva as we leverage the deep engineering talent pool and a terrific manufacturing supplier base right here in the Boston area. We’re having a fun time working with our customers to change the game in eCommerce fulfillment and are honored by the recognition this award brings.”

The Innovation All-Stars and Rising Stars will be profiled in a special report on MassHighTech.com, and will be recognized at an evening awards celebration and networking reception on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the House of Blues in Boston.

For more information about the event and to register, visit <http://www.bizjournals.com/masshightech/event/51051>.

The 2011 Mass High Tech All-Stars are:

Mohamad Ali, senior vice president of Avaya Inc. and chairman of the Mass Technology Leadership Council

Jeffrey Burbank, CEO of NxStage Medical Inc.

Jennifer Camacho, shareholder at Greenberg Traurig LLP

Bobbie Carlton, founder of Mass Innovation Nights and Carlton PR & Marketing

Emily Nagle Green, chairman of Yankee Group

Lou Guercia, president and CEO of Scribe Software

Jean Hammond, principal of JPH Associates and member of Golden Seeds and Hub Angels

Diane Hessian, president and CEO of Communispace

Geoff MacKay, president and CEO of Organogenesis

Mick Mountz, CEO of Kiva Systems Inc.

Kevin O’Sullivan, president and CEO of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives

James Poss, president and CEO of BigBelly Solar Inc.

David Rose, CEO of Vitality Inc.

Paul Sagan, CEO of Akamai Technologies

David Stone, CEO of CashStar Inc.

### **About Kiva Systems**

Kiva Systems, Inc. offers game-changing automation solutions for distribution centers that help companies simplify operations and reduce costs while increasing strategic flexibility. Using hundreds of autonomous mobile robots and sophisticated control software, the Kiva Mobile-robotic Fulfillment System enables extremely fast cycle times with reduced labor requirements, from receiving to order picking to shipping - all without conveyor. The result is a building that is quick and low-cost to set up, inexpensive to operate, and easy to change. For more information about Kiva Systems and its solutions, please visit [www.kivasystems.com](http://www.kivasystems.com).