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Athena Announces Election of Dr. Fred Taylor to IEEE Fellow

GAINESVILLE, FL - February 14, 2005 - Athena today announced that their founder, chairman, and senior scientist, Dr. Fred Taylor, was recently elected an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellow for his outstanding contributions to high-performance digital signal processing. Taylor has been a key contributor to Athena's product and technology research and development efforts since he co-founded the company in 1986.

Taylor's election to IEEE Fellow, effective January 1, 2005, represents one of the Institute's most prestigious honors and the highest grade of membership in the organization. The grade of Fellow recognizes unusual distinction in the profession and is conferred only by invitation of the Board of Directors upon a person of outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience, who has made important individual contributions to his field.

Taylor is a pioneer in the field of residue arithmetic, an innovative method for reducing the complexity of high precision arithmetic when implemented in modern integrated circuits. In addition to his responsibilities at Athena, Taylor is a professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer and Information Sciences at the University of Florida. He is the Director of the High-Speed Digital Architecture Laboratory at the University of Florida. Taylor consults widely to federal agencies and commercial firms in the areas of digital signal processing, VLSI, and educational technology. Dr. Taylor has been principal or co-principal investigator on over 70 sponsored research projects, holds 4 U.S. patents, and has created numerous commercial software packages in digital signal processing. Taylor has authored 10 books on the subject of electronics and has published over 100 refereed journal articles.

About The Athena Group, Inc.

The Athena Group, Inc. of Gainesville, Florida licenses signal processing technology that delivers breakthrough performance, reduced area, and reduced power consumption in a broad range of SoC products. Athena technology is ideal for leading edge applications such as secure e-commerce, wireless communications, and video compression.

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