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Another win for Opto 22's *groov* EPIC!

Opto 22 takes 2020 Engineers' Choice award for the Edge Controller category

Temecula, CA - February 3, 2020 – Opto 22 is proud to announce that, for the second year in a row, *groov* EPIC® has been selected as a winner in Control Engineering's Engineers' Choice Awards. This year, *groov* EPIC took the award for the Industrial Internet of Things Connectivity—Edge Controller category.

In an uncommon opportunity, *groov* EPIC was invited to enter the awards program for a second time because of significant product updates in the previous year. Originally, *groov* EPIC launched with support for Opto 22's PAC Control™ runtime engine and flowchart programming language. In late 2018, Opto 22 expanded the controller's programming options by adding support for the popular CODESYS® engine by 3S-Smart Software, which includes all IEC 61131-3 programming languages, including Function Block Diagram, Structured Text, Sequential Function Charts, and Ladder Diagram.

"When we originally conceived *groov* EPIC, we wanted to provide engineers an open automation platform to accomplish whatever they dreamed, using tools they were familiar with," stated Ken Johnson, vice president of Engineering at Opto 22. "This goal, coupled with market feedback, led us to add industry-standard IEC 61131 programming languages, providing yet another option for engineers to accomplish their tasks. We're honored to be recognized for this effort."

Voting for the 2020 Engineers' Choice awards opened in October 2019 to Control Engineering subscribers, representing over 70,000 engineers and engineering managers across two dozen industries. *groov* EPIC was one of 117 finalists over 29 categories ranging from hardware, IIoT, machine control, and motion control, to network integration, power, process control, safety, and software.

About *groov* EPIC

groov EPIC is an edge programmable industrial controller (EPIC). More than a PLC, PAC, or PC, it is a Linux-based processor in a compact industrial enclosure, with local I/O and wide-ranging programming and communications options. In addition to real-time control, *groov* EPIC provides the connectivity many of today's projects require: it connects to field sensors and devices, legacy PLC systems, software applications, remote equipment, and cloud services for anything from weather conditions to big data analytics and predictive maintenance.

About Opto 22

Opto 22 designs and manufactures industrial control products and Internet of Things platforms that bridge the gap between information technology (IT) and operations technology (OT). Based on a core design philosophy of leveraging open, standards-based technology, Opto 22 products are deployed worldwide in industrial automation, process control, building automation, industrial refrigeration, remote monitoring, and data acquisition applications. Designed and manufactured in the U.S.A., Opto 22 products have a worldwide reputation for ease-of-use, innovation, quality, and reliability. For over 40 years OEMs, machine builders, automation end-users, and information technology and operations personnel have and continue to trust Opto 22 to deliver high-quality products with superior reliability. The company was founded in 1974 and is privately held in Temecula, California, U.S.A. Opto 22 products are available through a global network of distributors and system integrators. For more information, contact Opto 22 headquarters at +1-951-695-3000 or visit www.opto22.com. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#).

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