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**FIBER OPTIC EQUIPMENT FROM CANARY COMMUNICATIONS
PROVIDES KEY ELEMENT IN THE BROADCASTING OF
THE ACADEMY AWARDS CEREMONIES**

**Canary's agile, Multi-Rate Transponders provide vital link redundancy
to high-end broadcast equipment used**

Morgan Hill CA — Firms supplying broadcast services for the Academy Awards ceremonies used Multi-Rate Transponders supplied by Canary Communications to provide robust connections to a variety of video and audio data networks.

The equipment was procured as part of a larger effort designed to insure resiliency to critical high-speed broadcast feeds and equipment. Benefits of the Canary Multi-Rate Transponders include protocol transparency; the capability of operating between 10 Mbps and 2.7 Gigabits per second, and lower costs than proprietary German-built equipment previously in use.

"Users reported *'real savings in deployment time and cost'* and were impressed with the equipment's *'ease of installation and simple 'plug and play' capability'* that require no specialized configuration," said Jim McSeaton, Canary's Director of Sales and Marketing. "I learned that these types of television show productions often entail *'cobbling together equipment at the last minute'* literally *'hand-soldering and duct-taping components'* to provide some critical function", he added. "It was very gratifying to hear the customer express appreciation for the *'quality fit and finish'* of Canary's products, and his satisfaction with their *'out of the box ease of use that eliminated last-minute headaches'*."

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“Because the Awards are a high visibility event with world-wide interest, anything that adds to a trouble-free presentation is greatly appreciated by the control room technicians and engineers. This is another example of the essential role that Canary equipment plays in communications, throughout the world.” McSeaton added.

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