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Best IPTV distribution/transport/delivery solution

Our definition of IPTV is a technical one and is not limited to video services delivered by telcos and alternative broadband providers over xDSL and FTTH, etc. In this category, IPTV means video services (live or on-demand, streamed or downloaded, etc.) where the video data is carried in an IP packet across the distribution network, the transport/backbone network or the last mile/access/transmission network. IP-based video services delivered over cable networks (using DOCSIS or DOCSIS Bypass etc.) are covered by this category therefore, alongside more 'traditional' IPTV services over DSL, etc. For the purposes of this category, IPTV means IP-based video delivered via a managed private network and it DOES NOT include video off the public Internet. Please note that other categories may use a different definition of IPTV so please check the guidance for each category separately.

For the purposes of these awards, a distribution solution is one that enables the movement of ready-to-view video programming (ready-to-view except for the addition of advertising, logos and other local insertions -- as opposed to raw cuts that still need editing or finishing, which we count as 'contribution') from one facility to another (like from a content owner to IPTV headend). It would cover fibre or satellite links for example. 'Transport' refers to the movement of video within an IPTV private network from its point of acquisition/ingest (like at a super-headend or headend) to any other point in the network up to and including 'the edge' (i.e. DSLAM). This includes movement of content over connections not owned by the IPTV service provider but leased, providing they have control over the connection in terms of Service Level Agreements, for example). Delivery refers to the last mile movement from the DSLAM to customer premise -- what would be referred to as transmission in a broadcast architecture.