

PICMG and Communications Platforms Trade Association Complete Second Successful Interoperability Workshop

November Testing Focused on AMC and MicroTCA

BEAVERTON, Oregon – December 17, 2007 – The Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA) and PICMG teamed up once again in Chicago to host a joint Interoperability Workshop, demonstrating structured testing to industry profiles. PICMG has hosted several Interoperability Workshops in the past, and this is the second time they've partnered with CP-TA.

Open to members of PICMG and CP-TA, a total of 19 different companies participated in the workshop to test products, designed to PICMG specifications, for interoperability issues. While some AdvancedTCA testing was done, the workshop focused mainly on MicroTCA and AMC. The results of the workshops are confidential to the companies participating so that the testing can take place in an environment focused on learning and resolving issues.

“We are encouraged to see the continued maturation of AMC and MicroTCA products at these workshops and see how the interop testing helps companies address interoperability issues early in the design process,” said Joe Pavlat, PICMG President. “With the anticipated release of the PICMG Release 3.0 AdvancedTCA specification, we will offer testing for AdvancedTCA, AMC and MicroTCA at our next event.”

“At this event, CP-TA demonstrated for the first time new thermal and manageability test tools for AMC and MicroTCA,” said Nirlay Kundu, CP-TA Compliance Work Group Chair. “We definitely saw the most interest for MicroTCA testing. Many vendors in the early stage of the development process were able to take advantage of the structured testing. It was exciting to use the tools to find bugs early in the design process and enable companies to address interoperability issues right away.”

“CP-TA demonstrated that it is on track on its current roadmap of delivering MicroTCA interoperability specification in Q1 of 2008,” said Todd Keaffaber, CP-TA Technical Work Group Chair.

During the event CP-TA and Polaris Networks demonstrated the new MicroTCA Tester. This test tool, to be released in the near future, incorporates the IPMB analyzer. DegreeC also demonstrated prototype thermal test tools for AMC and MicroTCA.

PICMG and CP-TA will hold future events together and provide testing for products based on the PICMG 3.0 Release 3.0. For more information on the next event, visit PICMG at www.picmg.org, or visit CP-TA at www.cp-ta.org.

About the Communications Platforms Trade Association

The Communications Platforms Trade Association is a global organization of communications platform and building block providers whose mission is to accelerate the adoption of SIG-governed, open



specification-based communication platforms by certifying interoperable building blocks. For more information about CP-TA, visit www.cp-ta.org.

About PICMG

Founded in 1994, PICMG is a consortium of more than 450 companies that collaboratively develop open specifications for high performance telecommunications and industrial computing applications. The members of the consortium have a long history of developing and using leading-edge products for these industries. For information about PICMG membership, or to find out how to obtain PICMG specifications, visit the PICMG Web site at www.picmg.org or call PICMG headquarters at (781) 246-9318.

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