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AdvancedTCA Market Momentum Continues Building With Release of New Standard Interoperability Guidelines

CP-TA Updates Flagship ICD and TPM Documents to Correlate With PICMG 3.0 Revision 3.0

BEAVERTON, Oregon – March 10, 2009 – The Communications Platforms Trade Association ([CP-TA](http://www.cp-ta.org)), an association of communications platform and building block providers, today announced the release of its new flagship interoperability documents, the Interoperability Compliance Document ([ICD](#)) 3.0 and the Test Procedure Manual ([TPM](#)) 3.0. The documents outline industry-standard interoperability criteria and testing procedures for AdvancedTCA (ATCA) building blocks. The new versions are mapped directly to the PICMG 3.0 Revision 3.0 ATCA Base Specification, which was completed last year.

“The growing number of Network Equipment Providers (NEPs) turning to the ATCA form factor demand that building blocks from multiple suppliers are interoperable,” said Nirlay Kundu, CP-TA Compliance Chair. “The TPM and ICD documents are being used today by many commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) ATCA building block suppliers to ensure their products are interoperable across the industry. These documents, along with accompanying test tools, are proven to significantly reduce integration time and provide a cost and time-to-market advantage.”

CP-TA completed a proof-of-concept demonstration using the TPM and ICD documents and corresponding test tools to integrate building blocks for an IPTV system in one-quarter the time it took to integrate non-tested building blocks for the same system configuration. For more information on this proof of concept, please download the free white paper at http://www.cp-ta.org/news/white_papers/.

“Interoperable COTS building blocks for open standards like ATCA are a crucial element of our vision for the Carrier Grade Based Platform,” said Chris Wardale, Chair of the [SCOPE Alliance](#), an association of leading Network Equipment Providers. “As NEPs, we need to focus our development efforts on providing new and improved products. That requires the ability to leverage a broad ecosystem of interoperable building blocks.”

Among the many enhancements, the documents have been simplified to structure test procedures on a one-to-one basis directly with the structure of the PICMG 3.0 Revision 3.0 specification. Additionally, requirements

that are not found in the governing specification have been removed and several requirements that were previously ambiguous have been clarified. The included mandatory test cases will help system integrators identify what they must do in order to pass an integration project for interoperability. Each test procedure is described in detail and mapped with the requirement numbers in the PICMG specification.

The ICD is available to download for free and the TPM is available to download with a fee on the CP-TA Web site. For more information about CP-TA and the interoperability documents, please visit www.cp-ta.org/certification.

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.

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