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CP-TA Promotes ATCA® Interoperability at Industry Workshop

Interoperability Workshop Provides Confidential Testing for xTCA and AMC Vendors

Beaverton, Ore. - March 17, 2009 – The Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA), an association of communications platform and building block providers this week will participate in an industry interoperability workshop led by PICMG, the originators of the AdvancedTCA®, AdvancedMC® and MicroTCA® specifications. The event takes place in San Francisco today through Thursday March 19, 2009 and is held to provide xTCA and AMC vendors the opportunity to test their components against industry profiles and test suites.

The workshop is open to companies that belong to either CP-TA or PICMG, allowing for a confidential testing environment. Members of either of the two organizations who attend the workshop will have the opportunity to test their new products in a multi-vendor environment and work with industry colleagues to resolve any issues that may be found during testing.

PICMG has lead industry interoperability events since 2003 and CP-TA now periodically participates in the events to offer complimentary interoperability guidance and testing.

For its part, CP-TA will provide an ATCA and MicroTCA chassis and will feature its Test Procedure Manual (TPM) 1.1 and Interoperability Compliance Document (ICD) 1.1 testing guidelines and tools, including AMC, MicroTCA and ATCA-Tester manageability interoperability tools from Polaris Networks. CP-TA will offer testing for ATCA, AMC, and MicroTCA building block vendors of all sizes, as well as a free test report.

Additionally, for the first time, participants will also have the opportunity to use Polaris Networks' tools to conduct Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) interoperability testing.

“The HPI Tester from Polaris Networks allows users to run the API and ATCA mapping tests against their Linux-based HPI implementation,” said Nirlay Kundu, CP-TA compliance workgroup chair. “Testing HPI underlines CP-TA's commitment to move up the networking layer and address interoperability issues in the middleware space.”

For more information on this or the next joint 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.

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