

# **SERVICE AVAILABILITY™ FORUM**

**Open Specifications for Service Availability**

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## **SA Forum Adds Eight Members in 2004**

*Growing Membership Illustrates Importance of Standards-Based Ecosystem*

**PORTLAND, Oregon, January 18, 2005** – The Service Availability™ Forum (SA Forum), a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies, today announced a significant increase in membership in 2004 and the election of new officers. The SA Forum develops and promotes open interface specifications that enable the industry to build high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services.

New members:

- Artesyn Technologies
- Huawei Technologies
- Lucent Technologies
- Nortel Networks
- NTT
- TietoEnator
- VERITAS Software
- Wind River Systems

"The addition of these new members demonstrates that leading industry companies are dedicated to creating and implementing open specifications enabling a vibrant commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) building block ecosystem," said Deepak Shahane, president of the SA Forum.

Joining the SA Forum enables companies to work side-by-side with other industry leaders to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. Members participate in technical and marketing work groups, help define new SA Forum specifications, register products for SA Forum certification and more. Further information is available at [www.saforum.org/join](http://www.saforum.org/join).

"COTS products based on the SA Forum's Interface Specifications are a reality today and given the current new product momentum we fully anticipate that during the upcoming year we will see a broad range of Carrier-Grade Building Blocks and products based on these specifications," said Henry Turko, marketing chair of the SA Forum. "Member companies will be demonstrating Carrier-Grade Solutions using platforms based on the SA Forums' specifications at several events during the year, including [CTIA Wireless 2005](#) and [SUPERCOMM 2005](#)."

### **SA Forum Announces New Officers for 2005**

The SA Forum also announced the election of new officers for 2005:

- Deepak Shahane, Motorola, succeeds Manfred Reitenspiess, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, as president
- Jay Allen, IBM, succeeds Dick Somes, Motorola, as secretary/treasurer
- Henry Turko, Nokia, continues as marketing chair
- Dave Penkler, Hewlett-Packard, continues as technical chair
- Timo Jokiahho, Nokia, elected as technical co-chair
- Jim Lawrence, Clovis Solutions, continues as member relations officer

### **About the Service Availability Forum**

The Service Availability™ Forum is a consortium of industry-leading communications and computing companies working together to foster an ecosystem that enables the use of commercial off-the-shelf building blocks in the creation of high availability network infrastructure products, systems and services. To achieve this goal, the SA Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. SA Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information about the SA Forum, visit [www.saforum.org](http://www.saforum.org).

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