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Industry Organizations Standardizing the Telecom Industry Showcase Progress at GLOBALCOMM 2006

CP-TA, OSDL and the SA Forum Drive Mainstream Market for Open Industry Standards-based Communications Platforms

WHO: Communications Platforms Trade Association (CP-TA)
Open Source Development Labs (OSDL)
Service Availability Forum (SA Forum)

When: June 5-7, 2006

Where: GLOBALCOMM 2006
Booth #13048
McCormick Place
Chicago, Illinois

What: Together, CP-TA, OSDL and the SA Forum invite GLOBALCOMM attendees to learn about the importance of interoperability and open standards and how these groups are driving a mainstream market for standards-based communications platforms. Illustrating the separate yet complementary roles they play in meeting the common goal, these organizations are exhibiting side-by-side in a joint booth #13048.

Interop Panel

Further educating event attendees, CP-TA, OSDL and SA Forum are joining PICMG and SCOPE Alliance on Monday, June 5 at 2 p.m. for an industry panel discussion. Held in the CP-TA / OSDL / SA Forum booth #13048, leaders from these organizations will explain how delivering on the promise of interoperable open standards-based building blocks will change the telecom industry.

“By exhibiting together at the inaugural GLOBALCOMM, we can communicate how we each contribute to the bigger, telecom pie,” said Shlomo Pri-Tal, CP-TA Chairman. “We will make standards-based communications platforms a viable option for today’s market by leveraging the progress that each group has made and by delivering the final piece – interoperability testing and certification.”

Bill Weinberg, OSDL’s senior technology analyst said, “OSDL is dedicated to accelerating the growth and adoption of Linux and open source in the enterprise, in telecommunications, and beyond. Working with CP-TA and SA Forum helps ensure interoperability by enabling certification of key system building blocks, benefiting OSDL members, the open source community and interests across the IT industry.”

“This is the first time our organizations have come together at a show, and we are proud to participate with CP-TA and OSDL,” said Tim Kober, SA Forum President. “SA Forum specifications are a critical component of carrier-grade base platforms and we are dedicated to enabling the commercial off-the-shelf ecosystem through their implementation. GLOBALCOMM attendees will walk away with the complete picture of how we are enabling this ecosystem.”

Presentation Theater at GLOBALCOMM

Throughout the show, CP-TA, OSDL and the SA Forum will be delivering presentations in their booth. These presentations will provide overviews of the organizations and the industry landscape, as well as insight from leading telecom companies on the importance of standards.

Interoperability Demonstrations

CP-TA will demonstrate a Manageability Test Suite and an Airflow and Thermal Test. Creating objective and verifiable interoperability criteria and industry-harmonized test methodologies for thermal and manageability is the first step toward the certification of interoperable building blocks. The Manageability Test Suite demonstrates this unified approach to testing of shelf, shelf manager and blades from different manufacturers. In another demo, the CP-TA will exhibit test methodology for benchmarking of airflow in AdvancedTCA shelves.

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 through interoperability certification. Sponsor companies include Intel, Motorola, Artesyn Technologies, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, HP, Kontron, MontaVista Software, Nortel Networks and Wind River. For more information about the CP-TA, visit www.cp-ta.org.

About the Open Source Development Lab

OSDL – home to Linus Torvalds, the creator of Linux – is dedicated to accelerating the growth and adoption of Linux. Founded in 2000 by CA, Hitachi, HP, IBM, Intel and NEC, OSDL is a non-profit organization at the center of Linux supported by a global consortium of more than 60 of the world’s largest Linux customers and IT industry leaders. OSDL sponsors industry-wide initiatives around Linux in telecommunications, in the enterprise data center and on corporate desktops. The Lab also provides Linux enterprise and computing and test facilities in the United States and Japan available to developers around the world. Visit OSDL on the Web at www.osdl.org.

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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 Service Availability Forum develops and publishes high availability and management software interface specifications while promoting and facilitating their adoption by industry. Service Availability Forum membership offers the opportunity to help frame and implement the Service Availability solution. For more information about the Service Availability Forum, visit www.saforum.org.

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