MEDIA ALERT

Ethernet Alliance® Hosts Second
IEEE 802.1 Data Center Bridging Interoperability Plugfest

Participation is Open to Both Ethernet Alliance Members and Non-Members

WHAT: The Ethernet Alliance Ethernet in the Data Center Subcommittee has announced it will host an IEEE 802.1 Data Center Bridging (DCB) interoperability plugfest event May 17-21 in Durham, NH at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab (UNH-IOL).

The Ethernet Alliance invites both members and non-members to participate in this second DCB plugfest. The plugfest targets interoperability testing of Ethernet standards being developed by IEEE 802.1 DCB task force to address network convergence issues. Testing will include projects such as IEEE P802.1Qbb Priority Flow Control (PFC), IEEE P802.1Qaz Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS) and DCB Capability Exchange Protocol (DCBX). The plugfest will perform testing across a broad vendor community and will exercise DCB features across multiple platforms as well as exercise higher layer protocols such as Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE), iSCSI, and latency sensitive applications.

WHY: These plugfests help to review the IEEE 802.1 DCB draft standards and help create interoperable products.

WHEN: Event Dates: May 17-21, 2010
Registration Open Until: April 16, 2010

WHERE: University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab (UNH-IOL) Durham, NH

WHO: The DCB Plugfest is hosted by the Ethernet Alliance.

REGISTER: To get more information, learn about participation fees and/or register for the DCB plugfest, please visit Ethernet Alliance DCB Plugfest or contact admin@ethernetalliance.org.

Members of the media and analyst communities can email inquiries to press@ethernetalliance.org.

About the Ethernet Alliance

The Ethernet Alliance is a global consortium comprised of system and component vendors, end users, industry experts and university and government professionals who are committed to the continued success and expansion of Ethernet technology. The Ethernet Alliance takes Ethernet standards to market by supporting activities that span from incubation of new Ethernet technologies to interoperability demonstrations and education.

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