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## MEDIA ALERT

### Ethernet Alliance® Hosts Third IEEE 802.1 Data Center Bridging Interoperability Test Event

*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 test event](#) the week of May 23 in Durham, NH at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab.

The Ethernet Alliance invites both members and non-members to participate in this third DCB test event that will include both protocol and applications testing. The event targets interoperability testing of Ethernet standards being developed by IEEE 802.1 DCB task force to address network convergence issues. Testing of protocols 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 test event will include 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 over DCB, RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE) and other latency sensitive applications.

**WHY:** These test events help vendors create interoperable, market-ready products that interoperate to the IEEE 802.1 DCB standards.

**WHEN:** Conference Call for Interested Participants: Friday, March 4 at 10 AM PST  
Event Registration Open Until: March 4, 2011  
Event Dates (tentative): May 23-27, 2011

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

**WHO:** The DCB Interoperability Event 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 Interoperability Test Event](#) page or contact [admin@ethernetalliance.org](mailto:admin@ethernetalliance.org).

Members of the media and analyst communities can email inquiries to [press@ethernetalliance.org](mailto: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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