

ETHERNET ALLIANCE'S TERAFABRIC PLUGFEST ADDRESSES NEED FOR GREATER INTEROPERABILITY IN TODAY'S CONVERGED DATA CENTERS

Latest interoperability testing event attracts interest and support from broad array of Ethernet technology developers, solutions providers, and equipment manufacturers

BEAVERTON, OR, October 17, 2012 – The [Ethernet Alliance](#), a global consortium dedicated to the continued success and advancement of Ethernet technologies today announced more than 20 leading Ethernet technology developers, solutions providers, and equipment manufacturers have signed on for its upcoming [TeraFabric Plugfest](#). The latest in the organization's successful series of interoperability testing events, the TeraFabric Plugfest is scheduled for October 22 – 26, 2012 at the [University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory](#) (UNH-IOL).

In the industry's first broad-scope interoperability event, the TeraFabric Plugfest has attracted the participation and support of numerous key stakeholders from across full expanse of the Ethernet ecosystem. Ethernet Alliance member companies taking part in this plugfest include Amphenol Corporation (NYSE: APH), Applied Micro (NASDAQ: AMCC), Broadcom Corporation (NASDAQ: BRCM), Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO), CommScope, Inc., Dell Force 10 (NASDAQ: DELL), Emulex Corporation (NYSE: ELX), Foxconn International Holdings Ltd. (HKG: 2038), Intel Corporation (NASDAQ: INTC), Ixia (NASDAQ: XXIA), Leviton Manufacturing Co., NetApp Inc. (NASDAQ: NTAP), Nexans S.A. (EN Paris: NEX), Panduit Corp., PLX Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: PLXT), QLogic Corporation (NASDAQ: QLGC), Samtech, Inc., Siemon Company, TE Connectivity Ltd. (NYSE: TEL), and Volex (LSE: VLX).

To learn more about the TeraFabric Plugfest or the Ethernet Alliance, please visit <http://www.ethernetalliance.org>.

WHAT: A first-of-its-kind interoperability event, the Ethernet Alliance TeraFabric Plugfest brings together the complete range of Ethernet and related technologies, including Data Center Bridging, 10GBASE-T, 40GE, and high-speed cabling. With the wide array of high-speed Ethernet devices and solutions accessible during the plugfest, the event will culminate with the construction of an integrated network capable of supporting a one-terabit data flow.

WHEN: October 22 – 26, 2012

WHERE: University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory

“In data centers today, it's becoming more and more about the convergence of everything into a simple network – that's what it's really coming down to. People really want to be able to put these disparate network elements together and know that they'll not only function properly, but will help elevate operational performance and productivity,” said Henry He, Marketing Chair, Ethernet in the Data Center subcommittee, Ethernet Alliance. “Events like the TeraFabric Plugfest are critical milestones along the path to realizing the next generation of truly converged data center networks.”

About the Ethernet Alliance

The Ethernet Alliance is a global consortium that includes system and component vendors, 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.

