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## **InfiniBand<sup>SM</sup> Trade Association Announces DevCon, Sept. 9 in San Francisco**

*Group Also Announces Plugfest, Aug. 23-27 in New Hampshire*

**PORTLAND, ORE. Aug. 16, 2004** – The InfiniBand<sup>SM</sup> Trade Association (IBTA) today announced it will host a Developers Conference on September 9 in San Francisco. The Group also announced it will conduct its seventh members-only Plugfest August 23-27 in Durham, New Hampshire.

"InfiniBand has now become the widely recognized high-performance interconnect standard, and development work continues as end-users seek even greater performance," said Dr. Tom Bradicich of IBM and the IBTA Steering Committee co-chair. "The DevCon will allow InfiniBand vendors to continue development on a 120 Gbps signaling rate as well as address the burgeoning open source market with a Linux stack for InfiniBand."

### **DevCon details**

The DevCon event will take place at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco, September 9 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. and include sessions on the signaling rate increase specification and the OpenIB Alliance, an effort to create a common Linux stack for InfiniBand implementations. Registration fees are \$99 for members and \$299 for non members. Complete event details is available at [www.infinibandta.org](http://www.infinibandta.org). To register, visit [www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=71806](http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=71806).

### **Plugfest details**

The August 23-27 Plugfest will be the first interoperability testing event with specification training for attendees. More than 100 engineers representing router, switch, cable and adapter companies are expected to attend the event. The Plugfest will allow participants to conduct compliance measurements and authenticate the interoperability of their products with

components from other vendors. Following the event, the IBTA will publish an updated Integrators' List, which indicates the specific products that met the interoperability criteria at the Plugfest.

The specification training seminars are open to both IBTA members and non-members (non-members will not be allowed into the Plugfest area). To join the InfiniBand Trade Association or to register for the Plugfest, visit [www.infinibandta.org](http://www.infinibandta.org).

Started in August 1999, the InfiniBand Trade Association is made up of leading companies from every segment of the industry. The InfiniBand specifications are publicly available for download from the trade association website: [www.infinibandta.org](http://www.infinibandta.org). The InfiniBand Trade Association is comprised of eight special workgroups, each with its own charter and area of expertise. The workgroups include: marketing, technical, applications, compliance and interoperability, electromechanical, link, management and software.

#### **About the InfiniBand Trade Association**

The Internet is creating an increased demand for server computer I/O subsystem performance, scalability, reliability and flexibility. A shift to a switched fabric-based I/O architecture will enable industry participants to meet this increased demand. The InfiniBand Trade Association developed a specification for a channel-based, switched fabric architecture that provides a scalable performance range of 500Mbyte/s to 6 Gbyte/s, meeting the needs from entry level to high-end enterprise systems. InfiniBand I/O is the only open standard with remote direct memory access (RDMA) and offload engines. The InfiniBand Trade Association represents the industry's choice for developing I/O technologies that will keep pace with the demands of the Internet age.

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