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Network Appliance Elected to InfiniBandSM Trade Association Steering Committee
Industry Leader Brings Storage Expertise to Trade Association Leadership

Portland, Ore., August 21, 2002 - The InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA) today announced that storage leader Network Appliance (NASDAQ: NTAP), has joined the trade association's steering committee. Network Appliance joins current steering committee member companies: Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, IBM, Microsoft, and Sun Microsystems.

The addition of Network Appliance to the leadership of the trade association comes as member companies prepare to deliver solutions based on the interconnect technology to data centers. InfiniBandTM architecture improves the way data centers are built, deployed, and managed by efficiently speeding communication between nodes in an InfiniBand fabric.

"Network Appliance's addition to the InfiniBand Trade Association leadership underscores the breadth of involvement in InfiniBand fabric development." said Dr. Tom Bradicich, co-chair of the Steering Committee of the InfiniBand Trade Association and CTO, xSeries Servers, IBM. "We are very pleased they have joined us, and our member companies will benefit from their experience and innovation."

"We view and evangelize InfiniBand as enabling technology for next-generation data centers – where the industry's best application software, compute servers, and storage systems can be deployed in cohesive, easily-managed, massively-scalable networks," said Steve Kleiman, Senior VP and CTO at Network Appliance. "We believe that our participation in the IBTA as a Steering Committee member will contribute to the industry's ability to deliver on this vision."

Network Appliance has long been an innovator in InfiniBand architecture development. A leader in development of the Direct Access File System (DAFS), Network Appliance is helping to speed file-based storage solution availability on InfiniBand architecture. The company was first to demonstrate a DAFS storage filer running on InfiniBand architecture at the trade association's Fall 2001 Solutions Conference.

Started in August 1999, the InfiniBand Trade Association is made up of over 180 companies from every segment of the industry. The most recent version of the InfiniBand specifications, 1.0.a was made available in June 2001. This specification is publicly available for purchase and download from the Trade Association Website: 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 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 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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