

Bridgewater Showcases Industry Leading LTE Control Plane Interoperability at Global MultiService Forum Event

Interoperability testing of Bridgewater Home Subscriber Server and Policy Controller underway with LTE ecosystem partners

Ottawa, Canada – March 15, 2010 – Bridgewater Systems (TSX: BWC), the mobile personalization company, today announced its participation in the Global MultiService Forum (MSF) interoperability testing event over the next two weeks at Vodafone’s Centre for Test and Innovation in Düsseldorf and the China Mobile Research Institute Lab in Beijing. The testing focuses on validating Evolved Packet Core network interfaces to enable multi-vendor deployment strategies for LTE technology.

News

- The MSF event, a global first to focus on multi-vendor, multi-operator interoperability spanning multiple sites, promotes and fosters compatibility and interoperability with leading network equipment vendors and operators including Vodafone, China Mobile, NEC, Starent Networks now part of Cisco, Huawei, ZTE, Alcatel Lucent, Agilent and Codenomicon. The event is an important step towards validating MSF architectural framework release 5 for LTE, developed to incorporate 3GPP System Architecture Evolution.
- Among the products undergoing interoperability testing at the event are the standards-based Bridgewater® Home Subscriber Server for HSS 1.0 (S6a interface), the Bridgewater® Policy Controller for PCRF 4.0 (Gx, Gxc interfaces), and the Bridgewater® 3GPP AAA Interworking Module for 3GPP AAA 8.3 (S6b, STa interfaces).
- Participation underscores Bridgewater’s leading role as the only LTE control plane specialist at the event. The company also recently announced a multimillion dollar LTE win at MetroPCS as well as LTE trials with five Tier 1 mobile operators in Asia Pacific and North and South America.

Quotes

David Sharpley, Senior Vice President, Bridgewater Systems

“Bridgewater’s commitment to the broadest set of LTE control plane interoperability with major equipment vendors ensures that operators can adopt a multi-vendor, multi-access approach. Our unique ‘control-plane-in-a-box’ approach which combines the Bridgewater Home Subscriber Server, Policy Controller and Inter-working capabilities allows operators to rapidly and cost-effectively trial, launch, and scale LTE deployments.”

David Francisco, MultiService Forum Board Member

“Operators such as China Mobile and Vodafone require extensive interoperability between vendors to accelerate the evolution towards LTE. The Global MSF Interoperability event in Düsseldorf and Beijing represents an important landmark in the standards-based evolution to LTE, especially in the evolved packet core.”

Tags / Keywords

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About Bridgewater Systems

Bridgewater Systems, the mobile personalization company, enables service providers to efficiently manage and profit from mobile data services, content and commerce. The company's market leading mobile personalization portfolio provides a real-time, unified view of subscribers including entitlements, devices, networks, billing profiles, preferences and context. Anchored by Bridgewater's Subscriber Data Broker™, the portfolio of carrier-grade and standards-based products includes the Bridgewater® Service Controller (AAA), the Bridgewater® Policy Controller (PCRF) and the Bridgewater® Home Subscriber Server (HSS). More than 140 leading service providers including America Movil, Bell Canada, Clearwire, Cox, Hutchison Telecom, Iusacell, Scartel, SmarTone-Vodafone, Sprint, Tata Teleservices, Tatung, Telmex, Telstra, and Verizon Wireless use Bridgewater's solutions to rapidly deliver innovative mobile services to over 150 million subscribers. For more information, visit us at www.bridgewatersystems.com.

About the MSF

The MultiService Forum (MSF) is a global association of service providers, system suppliers and test equipment vendors committed to developing and promoting open-architecture, multiservice Next Generation Networks. Founded in 1998, the MSF is an open-membership organization comprised of the world's leading telecommunications companies. The MSF's activities include developing Implementation Agreements, promoting worldwide compatibility and interoperability of network elements, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. www.msforum.org

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