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IPv6 TEST SCENARIO ADDED TO GMI 2004 INTEROPERABILITY EVENT

*Multiservice Switching Forum and NAv6TF Moonv6 Project Will Collaborate
On Simultaneous Live Test*

FREMONT, Calif. – September 1, 2004 - The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) announced today that it will incorporate an Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) test scenario into its GMI 2004 interoperability event. In a joint memorandum of understanding, the MSF and the North American IPv6 Task Force (NAv6TF) Moonv6 Project agreed to share technology expertise to create an IPv6 solution on an MSF network. The Moonv6 Project is a collaborative effort between the North American IPv6 Task Force, Regional IPv6 Forum Task Forces world wide, the University of New Hampshire's Interoperability Lab, Internet2, government, vendors and providers.

GMI 2004 will be conducted live October 4 -16 at four carrier test labs: Qwest in the United States, BT in the United Kingdom, NTT in Japan and KT in Korea. The event will test state-of-the-art network elements key to supporting a fully integrated VoIP solution such as application servers, media servers, service brokers, call agents, bandwidth managers and other control and management systems against the specific protocols defined in MSF Implementation Agreements (IAs).

"The incorporation of IPv6 into the testing line-up will add a critical new element to the GMI 2004," said Roger Ward, president of the MSF. "GMI 2004 is a truly global event. The ubiquity of IPv6 in Asia and Europe and its future in North America make this agreement an important part of our test."

The IPv6 test scenario for GMI 2004 will include VoIP, video phone, SIP security and Quality of Service (QoS) over a pure IP network.

“The results of the GMI 2004 event will be invaluable to our work,” said Jim Bound, chair of the North American IPv6 Task Force and IPv6 Forum CTO. “Running VoIP applications on IPv6 over such a comprehensive network will benefit the entire industry.”

Companies committed to participating in GMI 2004 include:

Alcatel	ETRI	LG Electronics	NTT	Sonus Networks
BT	FeelingK	Marconi	Operax	Spirent Communications
Cisco	Fujitsu	MetaSwitch	Qwest	Teledata Networks
Convedia	Hitachi	Navtel	Samsung	Vocal Data
Empirix	KT	NCS	Siemens	
Ericsson	Leapstone	Nortel Networks	Softfront	

Companies interested in participating in GMI 2004 should contact Julianne Fitzpatrick, jfitzpatrick@msforum.org, or visit www.gmi2004.com for details. GMI 2004 is sponsored by Navtel and Siemens.

About Multiservice Switching System Technology

Multiservice Switching Systems of the future will be based on a distributed, open architecture which incorporates a variety of switching methods - frame, cell or packet-based - designed to support voice, video, private line and data such as ATM, Frame Relay and Internet Protocol (IP) services. Such technology may use a broad range of access technologies including traditional Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL), wireless data, and cable modems. MSF Implementation Agreements define the requirements of the interfaces between key functional and physical components found in practical deployments of such systems.

About NAv6TF Moonv6 Project

The Moonv6 Project is a collaborative effort between the North American IPv6 Task Force (NAv6TF), Regional IPv6 Forum Task Forces worldwide, the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL), Internet2, Government, Vendors and Providers. Taking place across North America at multiple locations, the

Moonv6 Project represents the most aggressive collaborative IPv6 interoperability and application demonstration event in the North American market to date and will evolve to support other global geographies. For more information about Moonv6, please visit the Moonv6 Web site at <http://www.moonv6.org/>.

About the North American IPv6 Task Force

The North American IPv6 Task Force is an all-volunteer non-vendor/service/provider or other entity interest with the IPv6 mission of assisting the North American geography as sub task force of the IPv6 Forum for Deployment, Education, Awareness, Technical Analysis/Direction, Transition Analysis, Political/Business/Economic/Social analysis support, and other efforts as required. The members see IPv6 as more important than their own self-interests. <http://www.nav6tf.org/>.

About the Multiservice Switching Forum

The Multiservice Switching Forum (MSF) is a global association of service providers and system suppliers committed to developing and promoting open-architecture, multiservice switching systems. 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, and encouraging input to appropriate national and international standards bodies. For more information about the MSF and its members, visit the MSF web site at <http://www.msforum.org/>.

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