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### **FORCE10 NETWORKS S2410 DATA CENTER SWITCH NAMED FINALIST FOR BEST OF INTEROP AWARDS**

**MILPITAS, Calif., April 25, 2006** – Force10 Networks® today announced that its S2410 data center switch has been named a finalist in the data center and storage category for the Best of Interop awards. The Force10 S2410 is the first switch to combine high 10 Gigabit Ethernet density with ultra low latency at less than \$650 per port. Together, these features enable enterprises and service providers to cost effectively deploy 10 Gigabit Ethernet throughout their networks.

“The S2410 uniquely combines high density, ultra low latency and low port price to fundamentally alter data center economics,” said Andrew Feldman, vice president of marketing for Force10 Networks. “Being recognized by the Best of Interop judges as one of the most important data center product introductions this year is a significant validation of the innovation behind the Force10 S2410.”

The one-rack unit S2410 supports 24 ports of line-rate 10 GbE with Infiniband-like latency. At 300 nanoseconds, the Force10 S2410 delivers the industry’s lowest Ethernet switching latency and places 10 Gigabit Ethernet on par with other cluster interconnect solutions, eliminating the need to integrate proprietary technologies into the network. By bringing ultra low switching latency to Ethernet, the S2410 simplifies management and reduces operational costs by enabling IT managers to capture the computing benefits of high performance cluster architectures using a familiar and easy to manage technology.

"In networking environments that support parallel applications, Ethernet latency has typically been too high to meet HPC requirements, creating a niche for low latency Infiniband and proprietary interconnects," said Helen Chen, a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff at Sandia

National Laboratories. "Together with the RDMA Network Interface Card, 10 Gigabit Ethernet can now achieve performance and latency parity, bringing to high performance computing environments the right combination of low latency and ease of use to make it an attractive cluster interconnect alternative."

As an expansion of the Force10 S-Series family of data center switches, the S2410 delivers high performance and core-like resiliency to the server edge and complements the TeraScale E-Series family of switch/routers. With the TeraScale E-Series and S-Series, Force10 is delivering a resilient end-to-end data center solution.

The Best of Interop awards honor new products in seven categories. Technology editors from *Network Computing* and three IT industry veterans reviewed nominations and selected finalists in each category. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, May 2, at Interop 2006 in Las Vegas.

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Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks depend on Force10 Networks. For additional information, please visit the company's website at [www.force10networks.com](http://www.force10networks.com).

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