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FORCE10 NETWORKS JOINS INTERNET2

MILPITAS, Calif., June 29, 2004 – Force10 Networks, the pioneer in high performance switching and routing, today announced that it has joined Internet2®, the university-led advanced networking research and development consortium, to develop advanced network applications and technologies. Internet2, a partnership among academia, industry and government, is creating leading-edge networks that will ensure the rapid transfer of new network services and applications to the broader Internet community.

“Internet2 supports a community of more than 300 academic, non-profit and corporate members dedicated to developing and deploying advanced networking capabilities,” said Steve Corbató, director of network infrastructure at Internet2. “As a key technology within high-performance network environments, 10 Gigabit Ethernet is enabling the next level of advanced applications and services utilized by educators and researchers at Internet2 organizations.”

Increasingly, research organizations, educational institutions and the government are deploying 10 Gigabit Ethernet in their networks to increase performance and run advanced, bandwidth-intensive applications. A pioneer of 10 Gigabit Ethernet, Force10 brings both resiliency and scalability to the network, increasing performance predictability. Increased predictability enables network operators to maximize networking and deliver the advanced services and applications that are developed by Internet2 members.

“The Internet2 members are dedicated to developing the services and applications that will allow businesses, research organizations and enterprises to more fully leverage the potential of the Internet,” said Stephen Garrison, vice president of corporate marketing at Force10 Networks. “Pairing this vision with Force10’s 10 Gigabit Ethernet technology elicits a powerful synergy for accelerating the creation of a next-generation Internet.”

About Internet2

Led by more than 200 U.S. universities, working with industry and government, Internet2 develops and deploys advanced network applications and technologies for research and higher education, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet. Internet2 recreates the partnerships among academia, industry, and government that helped foster today's Internet in its infancy. For more information about Internet2, see: <http://www.internet2.edu/>.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in high performance switching and routing. Based on a revolutionary system architecture that delivers best-in-class resiliency and massive scalability, Force10's E-Series switch/routers ensure predictable application performance, increase network availability, and reduce operating costs. Today, many of the world's largest Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks depend on Force10 Networks. For additional information, please visit the company's website at www.force10networks.com.

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