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PURDUE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDS STATE-OF-THE-ART HIGH PERFORMANCE NETWORK WITH FORCE10 TERASCALE E-SERIES

SAN JOSE, Calif., September 18, 2006 – Force10 Networks®, the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks, today announced that the Department of Computer Science at Purdue University has deployed the TeraScale E-Series® family of switch/routers and the S50 data center switch in its new \$20 million state-of-the-art facility. As the high performance core of the network, the Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S50 deliver the seamless scalability and reliability that Purdue requires to support cutting edge research today and well into the future.

“To support our national and international research projects we required a state-of-the-art network capable of delivering the processing power we need today while also providing us with a scalable path to grow our network,” said Tim Korb, assistant department head of the Department of Computer Science at Purdue University. “The combination of the E-Series and S50 allowed us to build a network that could flexibly respond to our changing computing needs, both today and in the future.”

The Force10 TeraScale E300 and S50 provide a high level of scalability and flexibility from the core of the network to the wiring closet, enabling the Department to meet future computing and research needs. Supporting 288 Gigabit and 48 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports per system, the Force10 TeraScale E-Series provides the high density the Department requires to support multiple dynamic clusters in the 1,500 node network that supports faculty, students, employees and visiting researchers.

The Force10 S50, a 48-port Gigabit Ethernet switch, enables the Department to cost effectively interconnect its servers. With two 10 Gigabit Ethernet uplinks, the S50 also delivers the bandwidth capacity to connect to the TeraScale E-Series, providing the high performance

foundation the Department requires to run visualization, modeling and other scientific computing applications.

Coupled with the high density of the Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S-Series is an unmatched resiliency that ensures maximum network uptime. With its unique multiprocessor architecture, the TeraScale E-Series distributes switching, routing and management functionalities between three CPUs, ensuring continuous traffic flow.

“The Purdue Department of Computer Science is recognized as one of the top computer science programs in the country due to its continuing investment in next generation, high performance networking infrastructure,” said Mark Cooper, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. “The Force10 TeraScale E-Series will provide more than 900 students and 40 faculty members the network capacity and resiliency necessary to continue to advance the frontiers of computer science.”

The Force10 TeraScale E-Series and S-Series deliver an end-to-end reliable solution that enables organizations to scale their networks with demand. By bringing unmatched resiliency from the core to the edge, the TeraScale E-Series and S-Series provide organizations with a high performance foundation for their networks.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks. Based on a revolutionary system architecture that delivers best-in-class resiliency and massive scalability, Force10’s TeraScale 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 www.force10networks.com.

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