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U.S. GOVERNMENT HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING CENTER INCREASES NETWORK SCALABILITY WITH FORCE10 TERASCALE E-SERIES

SAN JOSE, Calif., August 28, 2006 – Force10 Networks[®], the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks, today announced that the Aeronautical Systems Center Major Shared Resource Center (ASC MSRC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, has deployed the TeraScale E-Series[®] family of switch/routers in a 10 Gigabit Ethernet network upgrade. With the Force10 TeraScale E-Series at the foundation of its network, the ASC MSRC is increasing the scalability of its high performance network to more efficiently support the computing needs of scientists and engineers dedicated to solving complex problems for the Department of Defense.

“To upgrade our network, we needed a best of breed switch that could both integrate with the existing network as well as provide a solid foundation for our future network and computing needs,” said Steve Wourms, director at the ASC MSRC, a premier high performance computing center that supports a myriad of scientific research and analyses projects. “With the Force10 E-Series we can upgrade our existing clusters and network to 10 Gig and still have room to add additional clusters in the future, providing us with the high performance foundation we can rely on for years to come.”

The ASC MSRC is leveraging the high line-rate density of the Force10 TeraScale E-Series to upgrade its existing network to 10 Gigabit Ethernet. To build its high performance network core, the ASC MSRC has deployed 20 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports and 144 Gigabit Ethernet ports that will connect both computing clusters as well as critical ancillary systems.

Supporting 672 line-rate Gigabit and 56 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a single system, the Force10 TeraScale E1200 allows the ASC MSRC to upgrade its existing network and computing clusters to 10 Gigabit Ethernet while providing available capacity for future expansion of the network. The leading density of the TeraScale E-Series enables the ASC MSRC to reduce the

number of systems within its network, simplifying the architecture and reducing the total cost of network ownership.

Additionally, the ASC MSRC has deployed the Force10 TeraScale E600 to test new applications and technologies prior to deployment in the production network.

“As a computational facility for Department of Defense research, the ASC MSRC is relying on the most advanced technology to further the research of its scientists,” said Mark Cooper, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. “Within this environment, the Force10 TeraScale E-Series provides an ideal foundation, delivering the high density and resiliency that reduces both the operational and capital costs of maintaining a high performance network.”

The ASC MSRC is part of the High Performance Computing Modernization Program and is tasked with supporting Department of Defense research, development, test and evaluation using high performance computing research and visualization. Recent research includes such projects as modeling air circulation over steep coastal mountains, helping NASA run safety checks for the Discovery mission and improving F-22 fighter flight worthiness.

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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