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OpenFabrics Alliance Unveils Speaker Lineup for International Sonoma Workshop

March 22-25 Event to Feature Talks from IDC, NASA, TACC and a Major U.S. Automaker

Sonoma, California -- March 12, 2009 -- The OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA), an open-source organization that develops, tests and distributes high-performance, low-latency network software for Linux and Windows, today unveiled the speaker lineup for the OFA's 5th Annual International Sonoma Workshop, which is scheduled for March 22-25 at The Lodge at Sonoma.

To register for the workshop, make hotel reservations, and view the entire agenda, which includes over 40 content-rich sessions, visit www.OpenFabrics.org.

In addition to previously announced keynote presentations from thought leaders at AMD, Oracle, Tabor Research, and the IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, the Sonoma Workshop will feature talks by personnel from IDC, NASA, the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC), and a major U.S. automaker.

The global computing infrastructure manager for a leading automobile manufacturer will speak about how OpenFabrics software running in InfiniBand-connected clusters is accelerating many aspects of the worldwide design and engineering processes for next-generation energy-efficient automobiles.

Bob Ciotti of NASA's Advanced Supercomputing Division will describe NASA's new Pleiades system, which is #3 on the list of TOP500 HPC implementations. Pleiades is dedicated to providing scientists and engineers with the modeling and simulation tools needed to carry out critical NASA missions. Pleiades features 47,104 quad-core processors, and this talk will describe how OpenFabrics software with the dual rail DDR IB fabric is providing 40 GB per second I/O speeds to support such a powerful and sophisticated environment.

Tommy Minyard will describe TACC's experience with Linux, OpenFabrics and Lustre on Ranger, the largest computing system in the world for open science research. Ranger is the sixth-highest performing supercomputer and has been in production for over a year.

Other speakers at the Sonoma Workshop will include Richard Walsh and Jie Wu from the HPC group at IT market and technology research firm IDC. They will present data on the HPC market, including new information from a recent demand-side study on the compute and storage



interconnect technologies deployed at 110 HPC end-user sites, as well as an updated HPC interconnect market forecast through 2013.

About OpenFabrics Alliance

A non-profit corporation, the mission of the OFA is to develop, distribute, promote and support open-source software for low-latency, high-bandwidth networks, including InfiniBand and Ethernet. OpenFabrics software is included in Linux distributions and works with Windows. OFA conducts interoperability testing to ensure that it meets multi-vendor enterprise standards for quality and reliability. For more information about the Alliance, visit www.OpenFabrics.org.

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