

Red Hat Enterprise Linux to be Certified as System of Choice for HP AdvancedTCA Blade Server

RALEIGH, NC- February 7, 2006 - Red Hat (NASDAQ: RHAT), the world's leading provider of open source to the enterprise, today announced its intent to certify Red Hat Enterprise Linux on HP's new Advanced Telecommunications Computing Architecture (AdvancedTCA) bh5700 Blade Server. The new server, set to be unveiled at the 3GSM World Congress 2006, February 13-16 in Barcelona, will feature Red Hat Enterprise Linux as its preferred operating system.

AdvancedTCA is a next-generation telecommunications architecture designed to meet the high availability, quality of service and performance requirements of carriers and service providers. The ATCA hardware specification incorporates the latest trends in high speed interconnect technologies, next generation processors and improved reliability, manageability and serviceability. Red Hat Enterprise Linux was selected as the preferred operating system for the HP AdvancedTCA Blade Server based on its ability to meet the strict performance, reliability and security requirements demanded by service providers and carriers.

"HP needed a carrier-quality and 'ready-to-run' operating system proven to address the demand for highly available, dependable and reliable communications platforms. Red Hat Enterprise Linux is powerful, versatile and proven across a host of industries, including telecommunications," said Paul Cormier, executive vice president of Engineering at Red Hat. "We're pleased to be working with our longtime partner HP on the initiative and look forward to our continued collaboration in support of our shared customers."

Red Hat Enterprise Linux: Carrier-quality Platform

Because the Red Hat Enterprise Linux product family meets the requirements of operators and service providers, Red Hat solutions have been deployed in mission-critical environments for leading wireless, wireline, cable and online providers worldwide. Operators and service providers actively participate in the planning and definition of the feature road map for Red Hat Enterprise Linux to ensure that future releases have the high-priority features required by the telecommunications industry. Red Hat maintains a single Linux distribution that supports both enterprise and telecommunications companies and boasts an ecosystem of more than 1,100 hardware and 1,800 software partners.

"Red Hat Enterprise Linux was the right choice for our new AdvancedTCA blade server based on its performance, scalability, reliability and success in both wired and wireless telecommunications markets," said Christina Martino, vice president, Open Source and Linux Organization at HP. "This is one more way that HP and Red Hat are working together to bring proven solutions to our customers."

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