

LINUX PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE ACTS AS OPEN SOURCE RESOURCE AT THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY, GENEVA

~ LPI One of Few Open Source Organizations to Exhibit at ICT-4D Platform – Booth #502 ~

GENEVA, December 8, 2003 – The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) (www.lpi.org), the premier not-for-profit, professional certification program for the Linux community worldwide, is acting as one of the few Open Source organizations providing real-life examples and resources at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), Geneva, Switzerland, December 10-12, 2003.

“Our role as a member of the civil society at WSIS will be to act in an advisory and resource capacity to assist in bridging the digital divide,” says LPI president Evan Leibovitch. “We want to take a proactive stance in this effort by demonstrating how we are making a difference in the Open Source community globally.”

“If delegates are looking to Open Source as one way to assist the developing world in bridging the technology gap, we will be available and visible to provide significant direction and advice,” adds Stacy Gildenston, LPI’s director of Business Development and organizer of the Open Source roundtable workshop.

LPI will present an interactive roundtable entitled “Creating Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) Infrastructures”, designed to increase understanding and give delegates a roadmap on how to develop an Open Source foundation within their organizations or areas of influence. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 10/03, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Room # 5, Hall 4 at the ICT-4D Platform.

“Our professionalism and ‘can do’ attitude will also be shown front and center by being the only Open Source organization participating in the ICT-4D Platform at Booth #502,” says the president of LPI-Brazil Marcelo Marques. “All delegates interested in learning more about Open Source and what it can accomplish are invited to speak to LPI representatives at the booth.”

The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) is an internationally recognized, vendor-independent organization advocating and assisting in the professional use of Linux, Open Source and free software.

Established as a non-profit organization in 1999, it is recognized as the premier professional certification program for the Linux community.

LPI’s certification program is delivered worldwide in multiple languages with the support of employers, vendors and trainers. It has delivered more than 35,000 Level One and Level Two certification exams globally since the program’s inception.

LPI supports affiliate networks on all five continents worldwide including Brazil, Bulgaria, the Caribbean, Middle-East, United States, Japan, Canada, Germany, Australia and China, with an additional affiliate now being developed in Nigeria.

About Linux Professional Institute

The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) develops professional certification for the Linux operating system independent of software vendors or training providers. Established as an international non-profit organization in 1999 by the Linux community, LPI develops accessible, internationally-recognized certification programs which have earned the respect of vendors, employers and administrators. LPI's activities involve hundreds of volunteers and professionals throughout the world in many different capacities, and the

group encourages active public involvement through mailing lists and its website at www.lpi.org. LPI's multi-level program of exams is administered globally through Pearson VUE and Prometric testing centers. LPI's major financial sponsors are Platinum Sponsors IBM (NYSE:IBM), Linuxcare, Maxspeed, SGI (NYSE:SGI), SuSE Linux AG and TurboLinux as well as Gold Sponsors Novell, Inc. (Nasdaq: NOVL), Hewlett-Packard (NYSE:HWP) and Wave Technologies.

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