



NOVELL, INC. SELECTS AND SPONSORS LPI'S CERTIFICATION EXAMS FOR ITS NOVELL CERTIFIED LINUX ENGINEER DESIGNATION

~Novell Becomes LPI's Latest Gold Sponsor ~

TORONTO, April 22, 2003 – Novell, Inc. (Nasdaq: NOVL) in its push to create a more direct path to its open source initiatives, has selected the Linux Professional Institute's (LPI), (www.lpi.org) professional certification program as a step towards its own Novell Certified Linux Engineer (Novell CLE).

"For a prestigious organization like Novell to sponsor the community and endorse our program clearly validates our vendor-neutral position and demonstrates the value we bring as a foundation for other certification programs," says LPI's president Evan Leibovitch. "As a company who has pioneered IT certification, we welcome their initiatives into the open source community and we are look forward to working with their team to ensure success of its CLE program."

"Our Novell CLE program is designed to test and enhance the knowledge base of our IT professionals related specifically to Novell Services for Linux," adds Aaron Osmond, Managing Director, Novell Training Services. "We are recommending the LPI certification program en route to our Novell CLE designation. We recognized LPI's market credibility and the value the organization brings to our program. We didn't want to unnecessarily reinvent the wheel."

"Expressing its commitment to LPI and the open source community to achieve collective success, Novell has also joined forces with LPI to become our latest Gold Sponsor," says Leibovitch "This sponsorship affords Novell the added strengths of working with a successful, active Linux professional community as it continues their own Linux development."

LPI exams are now available at Novell's Utah test centers as part of the Novell CLE certification program.

LPI's mandate is to design and deliver a certification program from within the Linux community, using both volunteer and professional resources. It has been ranked number one on the list of certifications expected to rise the 'fastest in importance' according to the 2002 CRN Certification study. LPI has also been selected as the winner, for the second consecutive year, of the Linux Journal's annual Editors' Choice Awards in the Training and Certification category. LPI has delivered over 27,000 Level One and Level Two certification exams globally since the program's inception in just over two years.

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 Caldera International (NASDAQ:CALD), 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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