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LINUX PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE ACCEPTED AS MEMBER: ASSOCIATION OF TEST PUBLISHERS

~ Only Linux-centric Certification Program Capable To Join ~

TORONTO, ON, November 21, 2002 – The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) (www.lpi.org), the premier professional certification program for the Linux community, has been accepted as a member with the Association of Test Publishers (www.testpublishers.org), a non-profit organization representing providers of tests and assessment tools and services.

“We are proud to have met the stringent ethical and quality requirements of ATP membership,” says LPI’s president Evan Leibovitch. “LPI is currently the only Linux-centric certification body with the psychometric commitment necessary to become a member of the test-publishing community.”

“Having LPI come on board as a full member establishes it as an organization dedicated to the highest level of professionalism and business ethics within the test publishing community.” adds ATP’s executive director Dr. William G. Harris. “Certifications have now become both a hiring and a screening tool for many companies looking to employ IT professionals. By committing itself to quality testing, LPI is positioning themselves as a global provider of Linux certifications.”

“Our new membership also allow us to network with other like-minded organizations by sharing information and collaborating on possible projects including low-cost exam delivery for the developing world,” says Leibovitch. “We look forward to being a full participant in the organization’s activities.”

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 recently released 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 almost 20,000 Level One and Level Two certification exams globally since the program’s inception in January 2000.

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 Virtual University Enterprises (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 Hewlett-Packard (NYSE:HWP) and Wave Technologies.

About The Association of Test Publishers

Established in 1992, The Association of Test Publishers is a non-profit organization representing providers of tests and assessment tools and/or services related to assessment, selection, screening, certification, licensing, educational or clinical uses. ATP members are pledged to promote and advance the integrity of assessment services and products and their value to society; and dedicated to the highest level of professionalism and business ethics within the test publishing community. Visit ATP at (www.testpublishers.org)