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UNH-IOL Qualifies Home Gateway Vendors for World IPv6 Launch

Deadline for IPv6 CE Test Event Registration is April 9, 2012

Durham, N.H., March 19, 2012 – The University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL), an independent provider of broad-based testing and standards conformance services for the networking industry, today announced the lab will provide home system integrators an opportunity to test the interoperability of their IPv6 implementations and satisfy the requirements for participation in World IPv6 Launch, during the fourth IPv6 CE (Home Router) Test Event, April 16 – April 20, 2012, at the UNH-IOL. The deadline for companies to register for the test event is April 9, 2012. Additional information about registration and participation fees, logistics, a formal test plan and equipment shipping instructions can be found at: http://www.iol.unh.edu/services/testing/ipv6/grouptest/april_16_2012/

Under the theme, "The Future is Forever," World IPv6 Launch will mark the largest industry commitment to and deployment of IPv6 in the history of the Internet. Major Internet service providers (ISPs), home networking equipment manufacturers, and web companies around the world are coming together to permanently enable IPv6 for their products and services by June 6, 2012. Organized by the Internet Society (ISOC), and building on the successful one-day World IPv6 Day event held on June 8, 2011, World IPv6 Launch represents a major milestone in the global deployment of IPv6. As the successor to the current Internet Protocol, IPv4, IPv6 is critical to the Internet's continued growth as a platform for innovation and economic development.

"The amazing breadth of interest and participation in World IPv6 Launch underscores just how important IPv6 has become, and IPv6-supporting home routing equipment is essential to realize companies' future plans for connecting customers and users," commented Leslie Daigle, the Internet Society's Chief Internet Technology Officer. "We are extremely pleased to be working with the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory to help users identify home routers that are IPv6 ready for this launch."

The UNH-IOL will verify IPv6 functionality for home gateway equipment for World IPv6 Launch. To be added to the World IPv6 Launch list of participating home gateway vendors, companies will need to enable IPv6 'on by default' through their range of home router products and will need to have a product that has completed the IPv6 Ready CE Router (CPE) Interoperability Test Scenario (PDF) at the UNH-IOL. When a company's device appears on the UNH-IOL CE Router Tested List, in the table that indicates the device performed all the test cases, the company should complete the Registration Form for Home Gateway Routers. ISOC will then add the company to the list of home gateway vendors participating in World IPv6 Launch.

"IPv6 is now hitting everyone's last mile," said Latif Ladid, president, IPv6 Forum. "Check out what it can do for you!"

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In addition to participating in the initiatives of leading industry organizations such as ISOC, the UNH-IOL maintains ongoing relationships with industry forums to help make full IPv6 adoption a reality. Highly involved in the IPv6 Forum's IPv6 Ready Logo Program as the North American regional officer and a technical contributor, the UNH-IOL offers accredited testing for the IPv6 Ready Logo Program. The UNH-IOL is currently working in conjunction with the IPv6 Forum on the creation of the IPv6 CPE Logo Program, which will be available in November 2012 and will require both conformance and interoperability test results. The program, designed to cost-effectively accelerate adoption of IPv6 in the broadband industry, will provide manufacturers and operators with a common set of testing requirements for deployment and indicate via the IPv6 CPE Logo which products have met the basic requirements of IPv6 functionality.

About the UNH-IOL
Founded in 1988, the UNH-IOL provides independent, broad-based interoperability and standards conformance testing for data, telecommunications and storage networking products and technologies. Combining extensive staff experience, standards bodies participation and a 32,000+ square foot facility, the UNH-IOL helps companies efficiently and cost effectively deliver products to the market. For more information, visit http://www.iol.unh.edu/, or connect with the UNH-IOL on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/UNHIOL, on Twitter at @UNH_IOL and on LinkedIn at http://www.linkedin.com/company/unh-interoperability-lab.

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