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Enterprise Grid Alliance and Global Grid Forum Complete Merger To Form Open Grid Forum

Organization Will Focus on Accelerating Pervasive Adoption of Grid Technology

CHICAGO, June 26, 2006 — The Enterprise Grid Alliance (EGA) and the Global Grid Forum (GGF) today announced the completion of their merger, forming the Open Grid Forum (OGF). The new organization brings together the industry's two leading grid standards organizations to accelerate the pervasive adoption of grids worldwide. It will be led by former GGF Chairman Mark Linesch, who will serve as president and chief executive officer.

OGF will benefit from the EGA's enterprise expertise and focus on near-term practical results coupled with the GGF's open, collaborative approach to grid research, best practices and standards development. OGF provides an open forum that brings together key individuals and organizations from the grid community to identify and remove barriers; workshop solutions; and deliver specifications that will expedite grid adoption. As an open standards organization, OGF collaborates extensively with other standards development organizations to align with existing industry standards and develop new specifications.

"This merger integrates the passion, expertise and experience of the EGA and GGF members to enhance our capability to deliver results faster, communicate more clearly, and collaborate more effectively," said Linesch. "The name Open Grid Forum is inspired by our international community of grid researchers, developers, educators, users and solution providers who by working together, open new doors to scientific discovery, business value and commercial adoption worldwide."

"The combined knowledge and expertise brought by both GGF and EGA participants will create a strong, progressive organization to better serve the grid computing community at large," said Don Deutsch, president, EGA. "By integrating the best of both organizations, we are able to better connect the interests of enterprise, academia and government in an open, collaborative environment that stimulates innovation, promotes interoperability and advocates for the value of grid computing."

Over the next several months, OGF will focus on completing the merger integration. It will finalize the Board of Directors and day-to-day operations leadership team; transition current members and recruit new members into the organization; leverage old, and build new, alliances

with standards bodies and industry associations; and build out its regional functions across the globe.

About the Open Grid Forum

Headquartered in Chicago, the Open Grid Forum is a non-profit consortium of business, scientific and academic organizations and individuals dedicated to accelerating the pervasive adoption of grids worldwide.

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